

## **Solicitation 456-11637**

### **Structural Engineering Consulting Services, Continuing Contract**

**Bid Designation: Public**



**City of Fort Lauderdale**

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Bid Number **456-11637**  
 Bid Title **Structural Engineering Consulting Services, Continuing Contract**

Bid Start Date **Jul 21, 2015 9:25:20 AM EDT**  
 Bid End Date **Aug 21, 2015 2:00:00 PM EDT**  
 Question &  
 Answer End **Aug 14, 2015 2:00:00 PM EDT**  
 Date

Bid Contact **Bob McKenney**  
**Procurement Specialist II**  
**Procurement**  
**954-828-5139**  
**RMcKenney@fortlauderdale.gov**

#### Addendum # 1

Previous End Date **Aug 19, 2015 2:00:00 PM EDT**      New End Date **Aug 21, 2015 2:00:00 PM EDT**

**Changes were made to the following items:**  
 Structural Engineering Consulting Services, Continuing Contract

#### Addendum # 2

**Changes were made to the following items:**  
 Structural Engineering Consulting Services, Continuing Contract

#### Addendum # 3

**Changes were made to the following items:**  
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#### Description

The City of Fort Lauderdale, FL (City) is actively seeking qualified, experienced, and licensed firm(s) to provide Structural Engineering Consulting Services, Continuing Contract as further described in Section III – Scope of Services. Those firms who are interested in submitting Statements of Qualification (SOQ) in response to this Request for Qualifications (RFQ) shall comply with Section IV– Submittal Requirements.

#### Added on Jul 21, 2015:

The bid end date has changed to August 21, 2015 at 2:00 PM.

#### Added on Aug 3, 2015:

##### Addendum #2

The technical specifications in section 2.02B, 4 and 9 have been changed and shall read:

##### 2.02 B

4. The controller shall be equipped with three expansion cards. A. 4-20 mA input card PN YAB018, B. Internal relay card. PN YAB076 and C. TCP/IP card. The following inputs shall be wired and configured:

Chlorine Residual (4-20 mA) via Input expansion card.

Chlorine Residual Analyzer Maintenance Alarm (Relay 1)

Water Pressure (4-20 mA) via Input expansion card  
Enclosure Power Failure (Relay 2 normally closed)  
Enclosure UPS Fault (Relay 3)  
Enclosure Leak Alarm (Relay 4)  
Enclosure High Temperature Alarm **(future)**  
Enclosure Intrusion Alarm **(future)**

The controller shall be model sc1000 software version 3.21 with 6 digital sensors with Modbus (Transmission Control Protocol/Internet Protocol), TCP/IP protocol manufactured by Hach Company. Probe Module: LXV400.99.10082. & Display Module: LXV402.99.10002. Three Additional Expansion modules required: YAB018 & YAB076 (QTY 2).

**Added on Aug 3, 2015:**

Addendum #3

Delete Addendum #2, it was created in error.

**Addendum # 1**

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**Addendum # 2**

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**Addendum # 3**

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## Section I – Introduction and Information

### 1.1 Purpose

The City of Fort Lauderdale, FL (City) is actively seeking qualified, experienced, and licensed firms to provide Structural Engineering Consulting Services, under a continuing contract as further described in Section III – Scope of Services. Those firms who are interested in submitting Statements of Qualification (SOQ) in response to this Request for Qualifications (RFQ) shall comply with Section IV– Submittal Requirements.

### 1.2 Submission Deadline

Sealed responses shall be delivered during the City's normal business hours in a sealed envelope and addressed to the City of Fort Lauderdale Procurement Services Division, 100 N. Andrews Avenue, #619, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301 (City Hall) no later than the date and time indicated, at which time and place the responses will be publicly opened and the names of the firms will be read. After the deadline, responses will not be accepted. Firms are responsible for making certain that their proposal is received at the location specified by the due date and time. The City of Fort Lauderdale is not responsible for delays caused by any mail, package or courier service, including the U.S. mail, or caused by any other occurrence or condition. The City's normal business hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. through 5:00 p.m. excluding holidays observed by the City.

### 1.3 Pre-Proposal Meeting

No pre-proposal meeting is currently scheduled for this project.

### 1.4 BIDSYNC

The City of Fort Lauderdale uses BIDSYNC ([www.bidsync.com](http://www.bidsync.com)) to administer the competitive solicitation process, including but not limited to soliciting responses, issuing addenda, posting results and issuing notification of an intended decision. There is no charge to register and download the RFQ from BIDSYNC. Offerors are strongly encouraged to read the various vendor Guides and Tutorials available in BIDSNYC well in advance of their intention of submitting a response to ensure familiarity with the use of BIDSYNC. The City shall not be responsible for an Offeror's inability to submit a response by the end date and time for any reason, including issues arising from the use of BIDSYNC.

### 1.5 Point of Contact

City of Fort Lauderdale, Procurement Services Division  
Attn: Bob McKenney Procurement Specialist II  
100 N. Andrews Avenue, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301  
Fax: (954) 828-5139  
E-mail: [rmckenney@fortlauderdale.gov](mailto:rmckenney@fortlauderdale.gov)

All inquiries concerning this RFQ, questions, and requests for additional information shall be sent via the BIDSNYC question and answer feature.

## **Section II – General Terms and Conditions**

### **2.1 Addenda, Changes, and Interpretations**

It is the sole responsibility of each firm to notify the point of contact utilizing the question / answer feature provided by BIDSUNC to request modification or clarification of any ambiguity, conflict, discrepancy, omission or other error discovered in this competitive solicitation. Requests for clarification, modification, interpretation, or changes must be received prior to the Question and Answer (Q & A) Deadline. Requests received after this date may not be addressed. Questions and requests for information that would not materially affect the scope of services to be performed or the solicitation process will be answered within the question / answer feature provided by BIDSUNC and shall be for clarification purposes only. Material changes, if any, to the scope of services or the solicitation process will only be transmitted by official written addendum issued by the City and uploaded to BIDSUNC as a separate addendum to the Request for Qualifications (RFQ). Under no circumstances shall an oral explanation given by any City official, officer, staff, or agent be binding upon the City and should be disregarded. All addenda are a part of the competitive solicitation documents and each firm will be bound by such addenda. It is the responsibility of each to read and comprehend all addenda issued.

### **2.2 Changes and Alterations**

Consultant may change or withdraw a SOQ at any time prior to SOQ submission deadline; however, no oral modifications will be allowed. Modifications shall not be allowed following the SOQ deadline.

### **2.3 Consultants' Costs**

The City shall not be liable for any costs incurred by consultants in responding to this RFQ, including costs incurred in connection with evaluation and award proceedings.

### **2.4 Mistakes**

The consultant shall examine this RFQ carefully. The submission of a SOQ shall be prima facie evidence that the consultant has full knowledge of the scope, nature, and quality of the work to be performed; the detailed requirements of the specifications; and the conditions under which the work is to be performed. Ignorance of the requirements will not relieve the consultant from liability and obligations under the Contract.

### **2.5 Acceptance of Responses / Minor Irregularities**

**2.5.1** The City reserves the right to accept or reject any or all responses, part of responses, and to waive minor irregularities or variances to specifications contained in responses which do not make the response conditional in nature, and minor irregularities in the solicitation process. A minor irregularity shall be a variation from the solicitation that does not affect the price of the contract or does not give a respondent an advantage or benefit not enjoyed by other respondents, does not adversely impact the interests of other firms or, does not affect the fundamental fairness of the solicitation process. The City also reserves the right to reissue a Request for Qualifications.

**2.5.2** The City reserves the right to disqualify Consultant during any phase of the competitive solicitation process and terminate for cause any resulting contract upon evidence of collusion with intent to defraud or other illegal practices on the part of the Consultant.

**2.6 Responsiveness**

In order to be considered responsive to the solicitation, the firm's response shall fully conform in all material respects to the solicitation and all of its requirements, including all form and substance.

**2.7 Responsibility**

In order to be considered as a responsible firm, firm shall be fully capable to meet all of the requirements of the solicitation and subsequent contract, must possess the full capability, including financial and technical, to perform as contractually required, and must be able to fully document the ability to provide good faith performance.

**2.8 Minimum Qualifications**

Firms shall be in the business of Structural Engineering Consulting Services and must possess sufficient licenses, certifications, financial support, equipment and organization to insure that it can satisfactorily perform the services if awarded a Contract.

**2.8.1** Firm or principals shall have no record of judgments, pending lawsuits against the City or criminal activities involving moral turpitude and not have any conflicts of interest that have not been waived by the City Commission.

**2.8.2** Neither Firm nor any principal, officer, or stockholder shall be in arrears or in default of any debt or contract involving the City, (as a party to a contract, or otherwise); nor have failed to perform faithfully on any previous contract with the City.

**2.9 Lobbyist Ordinance**

Any consultant submitting a response to this solicitation is responsible for being aware of, and complying with City of Fort Lauderdale Ordinance No. 00-27, Lobbying Activities. A Copy of Ordinance No. C-00-27 may be obtained from the City Clerk's Office on the 7<sup>th</sup> floor of City Hall, 100 N. Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL, or the ordinance may be viewed on the City's website at <http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/clerk/LobbyistDocs/lobbyistord1009.pdf>. If you have questions concerning whether you may or may not need to comply with said ordinance, please contact the City of Fort Lauderdale City Clerk's Office at 954-828-5002.

**2.10 Scrutinized Companies List**

In accordance with Section 287.135 Florida Statutes as amended, any company, principals, or owners listed on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List or listed on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List or engaged in business operations in Cuba or Syria are prohibited from submitting a bid, SOQ or response to a City of Fort Lauderdale solicitation for goods or services in an amount equal to or greater than \$1 million. Therefore, if applicable, each company submitting a bid, SOQ or response to a solicitation must certify to the City that it is not on either list at the time of submitting a bid, SOQ or response. The City may terminate this Contract at the City's option if the Consultant is found to have submitted a false certification as provided under subsection (5) of Section 287.135, Florida Statutes (2011), as may be amended or revised, or been placed on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List or has engaged in business operations in Cuba or Syria.

By submitting a bid, SOQ or response, the company, principals, or owners certify that they are not listed on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List or listed on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List or is engaged in business operations in Cuba or Syria.

## **2.11 Local Business Preference**

**2.11.1** Section 2-199.2, Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, provides for a local business preference. In order to be considered for a local business preference, a proposer must include the Local Business Preference Certification Statement of this RFQ, as applicable to the local business preference class claimed at the time of SOQ submittal:

**2.11.2** Upon formal request of the City, based on the application of a Local Business Preference the Proposer shall within ten (10) calendar days submit the following documentation to the Local Business Preference Class claimed:

- a. Copy of City of Fort Lauderdale current year business tax receipt, or Broward County current year business tax receipt, and
- b. List of the names of all employees of the proposer and evidence of employees' residence within the geographic bounds of the City of Fort Lauderdale or Broward County, as the case may be, such as current Florida driver license, residential utility bill (water, electric, telephone, cable television), or other type of similar documentation acceptable to the City.

**2.11.3** Failure to comply at time of SOQ submittal shall result in the Proposer being found ineligible for the local business preference.

**2.11.4** The complete local business preference ordinance may be found on the City's web site at the following link: <http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/home/showdocument?id=6422>

### **2.11.5 Definitions**

The term "Business" shall mean a person, firm, corporation or other business entity which is duly licensed and authorized to engage in a particular work in the State of Florida. Business shall be broken down into four (4) types of classes:

- a. Class A Business – shall mean any Business that has established and agrees to maintain a permanent place of business located in a non-residential zone and staffed with full-time employees within the limits of the City and shall maintain a staffing level of the prime contractor for the proposed work of at least fifty percent (50%) who are residents of the City.
- b. Class B Business - shall mean any Business that has established and agrees to maintain a permanent place of business located in a non-residential zone and staffed with full-time employees within the limits of the City or shall maintain a staffing level of the prime contractor for the proposed work of at least fifty percent (50%) who are residents of the City.
- c. Class C Business - shall mean any Business that has established and agrees to maintain a permanent place of business located in a non-residential zone and staffed with full-time employees within the limits of Broward County.
- d. Class D Business – shall mean any Business that does not qualify as either a Class A, Class B, or Class C business.

## **2.12 Protest Procedure**

**2.12.1** Any proposer or bidder who is not recommended for award of a contract and who alleges a failure by the City to follow the City's procurement ordinance or any applicable law may protest to the director of procurement services division (director), by delivering a letter of protest to the director within five (5) days after a notice of intent to award is posted on the City's web site at the following link:

[http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/purchasing/notices\\_of\\_intent.htm](http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/purchasing/notices_of_intent.htm)

**2.12.2** The complete protest ordinance may be found on the City's web site at the following link:  
<http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/purchasing/protestordinance.pdf>

## **2.13 Sub-Consultants**

**2.13.1** A Sub-Consultant is an individual or firm contracted by the Consultant or Consultant's firm to assist in the performance of services required under this RFQ. A Sub-Consultant shall be paid through Consultant or Consultant's firm and not paid directly by the City. Sub-Consultants are permitted by the City in the performance of the services pursuant to the Agreement. Consultant must clearly reflect in its SOQ the major Sub-Consultant(s) to be utilized in the performance of required services. The City retains the right to accept or reject any Sub-Consultant proposed in the response of Successful Consultant(s) or prior to contract execution. Any and all liabilities regarding the use of a Sub-Consultant shall be borne solely by the successful consultant and insurance for each Sub-Consultant must be maintained in good standing and approved by the City throughout the duration of the Contract. Neither Successful Consultant nor any of its Sub-Consultants are considered to be employees or agents of the City. Failure to list all Sub-Consultants and provide the required information may disqualify any proposed Sub-Consultant from performing work under this RFQ.

**2.13.2** Consultants shall include in their responses the requested Sub-Consultant information and include all relevant information required of the Consultant. In addition, within five (5) working days after the identification of the award to the successful Consultant(s), the Consultant shall provide a list confirming the Sub-Consultant(s) that the successful Consultant intends to utilize in the Contract, if applicable. The list shall include, at a minimum, the name, and location of the place of business for each Sub-Consultant, the services Sub-Consultant will provide relative to any contract that may result from this RFQ, Sub-consultants hourly rates or fees, any applicable licenses, insurance, references, ownership, and other information required of Consultant.

## **2.14 Insurance Requirements**

**2.13.1** Consultant will be required and shall require all of its Sub-Consultants and Sub-Contractors to provide, pay for, and maintain in force at all times during the term of an agreement, such insurance, including Professional Liability Insurance, Workers' Compensation Insurance, Comprehensive General or Commercial Liability Insurance, Business Automobile Liability Insurance, and Employer's Liability Insurance as stated below.

**2.13.2** Companies authorized to do business in the State of Florida and having agents upon whom service of process may be made in the State of Florida shall issue such policy or



policies. Consultant shall specifically protect City and the City Commission by naming City and the City Commission as additional insured under the Comprehensive Liability Insurance policy hereinafter described.

- a. Workers' Compensation Insurance to apply for all employees in compliance with the "Workers' Compensation Law" of the State of Florida and all applicable Federal laws, for the benefit of the Consultant's employees.
- b. Sub-Consultants not eligible for Professional Liability Coverage, by virtue of their trade, shall provide Commercial General Liability coverage acceptable to the Contract Administrator and City's Risk Manager. Sub-consultant and sub-contractors eligible for professional liability coverage shall be required to provide professional liability coverage acceptable to the contract administrator and City's Risk Manager on a task order by task order basis.
- c. The Consultant shall provide the Risk Manager of the City an original certificate of insurance for policies required by Article 11.10. All certificates shall state that the City shall be given ten (10) days prior to cancellation or modification of any stipulated insurance. The insurance provided shall be endorsed or amended to comply with this notice requirement. In the event that the insurer is unable to accommodate, it shall be the responsibility of the Consultant to provide the proper notice. Such notification will be in writing by registered mail, return receipt requested and addressed to the Procurement Services Division. Such policies shall: (1) name the insurance company or companies affording coverage acceptable to the City, (2) state the effective and expiration dates of the policies, and (3) include special endorsements where necessary. Such policies provided under Article 11 shall not be affected by any other policy of insurance, which the City may carry in its own name.
- d. Consultant shall as a condition precedent of this Agreement furnish to the City of Fort Lauderdale, c/o Procurement Services Division, 100 N. Andrews Avenue, #619, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301, certificate(s) of insurance upon execution of this Agreement which indicate that insurance coverage has been obtained which meets the requirements as outlined below:

#### **Commercial General Liability**

##### **i. Limits of Liability:**

Bodily Injury and Property Damage Liability  
Combined Single Limit  
Each Occurrence \$1,000,000  
General Aggregate Limit \$2,000,000  
Personal Injury \$1,000,000  
Products/Completed Operations \$1,000,000

##### **ii. Endorsements Required:**

City of Fort Lauderdale included as an Additional Insured  
Employees included as insured  
Broad Form Contractual Liability  
Waiver of Subrogation  
Premises/Operations  
Products/Completed Operations  
Independent Contractors

**Automobile business****i. Limits of Liability:**

Bodily Injury and Property Damage Liability  
Combined Single Limit \$1,000,000  
Any Auto  
Including Hired, Borrowed or Non-Owned Autos

**ii. Endorsements Required:**

Waiver of Subrogation

**Workers' Compensation**

Limits of Liability: Statutory-State of Florida

**Professional Liability/Errors And Omissions Coverage**

Combined Single Limit  
Each Occurrence \$1,000,000  
General Aggregate Limit \$2,000,000  
Deductible not to exceed 10%  
Must be in effect for at least five (5) years after Project completion

**2.13.3** The above insurance requirements are only required to be carried by the Consultant during the term of the assigned Project and provided upon award of the task order, except for Professional Liability/Errors and Omissions insurance which must be in effect for at least five (5) years after Project completion.

**2.13.4** The City is required to be named as additional insured under the Commercial General Liability insurance policy. BINDERS ARE UNACCEPTABLE. The insurance coverage required shall include those classifications, as listed in standard liability insurance manuals, which most nearly reflect the operations of the Consultant. Any exclusions or provisions in the insurance maintained by the Consultant that precludes coverage for the work contemplated in an agreement shall be deemed unacceptable, and shall be considered a breach of contract.

**2.13.5** All insurance policies required above shall be issued by companies authorized to do business under the laws of the State of Florida and must be rated no less than "A" as to management, and no less than "Class X" as to financial strength, by the latest edition of A. M. Best's Key Rating Insurance Guide which holds a valid Florida Certificate of Authority issued by the State of Florida, Department of Insurance, and are members of the Florida Guarantee Fund. Compliance with the foregoing requirements shall not relieve the Consultant of his liability and obligation under this section or under any other section of this Agreement.

**Note:** City contract number must appear on each certificate.

**2.13.6** The Consultant shall be responsible for assuring that the insurance certificates required in conjunction with this section remain in force for the duration of the project. If insurance certificates are scheduled to expire during the contractual period, the Consultant shall be

responsible for submitting new or renewed insurance certificates to the City at a minimum of thirty (30) calendar days in advance of such expiration.

#### **2.12 Contract Agreement**

Any subsequent contract will be subject to the Agreement included as an attachment and made a part of this Request for Qualifications.

#### **2.13 Contract Term**

The initial contract term shall commence upon final execution of the contract by the City and shall expire two (2) years from that date or the day after the current contract expires, whichever is later. The City reserves the right to extend the contract for two (2) additional one (1) Year terms providing all terms conditions and specifications remain the same, both parties agree to the extension, and such extension is approved by the City.

In the event services are scheduled to end because of the expiration of this contract, the Contractor shall continue the service upon the request of the City as authorized by the awarding authority. The extension period shall not extend for more than ninety (90) days beyond the expiration date of the existing contract. The Contractor shall be compensated for the service at the rate in effect when this extension clause is invoked by the City.

#### **2.14 Award of Contract**

A Contract (the "Agreement") will be awarded in accordance with Florida Statutes, by the City Commission. The City reserves the right to execute or not execute, as applicable, a contract with the Consultant(s) that is determined to be in the City's best interests. The draft agreement is provided herein as an attachment to this RFQ. The City reserves the right to award a contract to more than one Consultant as is in the City's best interest.

#### **2.15 Unauthorized Work**

The Successful Consultant(s) shall not begin work until a Contract has been awarded by the City Commission and a notice to proceed has been issued. Consultant(s) agree and understand that the issuance of a Purchase Order and/or Task Order shall be issued and provided to the Consultant(s) following Commission award; however, receipt of a purchase order and/or task order shall not prevent the Consultant(s) from commencing the work once the City Commission has awarded the contract and notice to proceed is issued.

#### **2.16 Payment Method**

The City of Fort Lauderdale has implemented a Procurement Card (P-Card) program which changes how payments are remitted to its vendors. The City has transitioned from traditional paper checks to payment by credit card via MasterCard or Visa. This allows you as a vendor of the City of Fort Lauderdale to receive your payment fast and safely. No more waiting for checks to be printed and mailed.

Payments will be made utilizing the City's P-Card (MasterCard or Visa). Accordingly, firms must presently have the ability to accept credit card payment or take whatever steps necessary to implement acceptance of a credit card before the commencement of a contract.

#### **2.17 Prohibition Against Contingent Fees**

The architect (or registered surveyor and mapper or professional engineer, as applicable) warrants that he or she has not and will not employ or retain any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for the architect (or registered surveyor and mapper, or professional engineer, as applicable) to solicit or secure an agreement pursuant to this

competitive solicitation and that he or she has not and will not pay or agree to pay any person, company, corporation, individual, or firm, other than a bona fide employee working solely for the architect (or registered surveyor and mapper or professional engineer, as applicable) any fee, commission, percentage, gift, or other consideration contingent upon or resulting from an award or making of an agreement pursuant to this competitive solicitation.

**2.20 Indemnity/Hold Harmless Agreement**

The Contractor agrees to protect, defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the City of Fort Lauderdale and its officers, employees and agents from and against any and all losses, penalties, damages, settlements, claims, costs, charges for other expenses, or liabilities of every and any kind including attorney's fees, in connection with or arising directly or indirectly out of the work agreed to or performed by Contractor under the terms of any agreement that may arise due to the bidding process. Without limiting the foregoing, any and all such claims, suits, or other actions relating to personal injury, death, damage to property, defects in materials or workmanship, actual or alleged violations of any applicable Statute, ordinance, administrative order, rule or regulation, or decree of any court shall be included in the indemnity hereunder.

**2.21 Debarred or Suspended Bidders or Proposers**

The bidder or proposer certifies, by submission of a response to this solicitation, that neither it nor its principals and subcontractors are presently debarred or suspended by any Federal department or agency.

### **Section III - Scope of Services**

The City of Fort Lauderdale is seeking the services of qualified consulting firms to provide professional services related to a continuing contract for structural engineering consultant services. The following is a list of services that may be required on an as-needed basis as requested by the City which will be authorized by individual task orders for individual projects. This list shall not be construed as an exclusive list of activities that successful firm(s) may be engaged. City shall have the right, in its sole and absolute discretion, to require additional services that are consistent with the scope of services and those activities typically performed by architects, engineers, and surveyors pursuant to Florida Statutes Section 287.055, and for which the firm(s) are experienced, qualified, and able to perform:

#### **Structural Assessment, Design, and Repair Services**

The City of Fort Lauderdale is soliciting consulting engineering firms to provide structural engineering services for City of Fort Lauderdale owned seawalls, bulkheads, bridges, boat ramps, buildings, water/wastewater plant structures, and other miscellaneous structures. The projects include, but are not limited to, structural inspection, condition assessment, evaluation of structural integrity, developing master plans, designing new structures with complete replacement phasing stages, and designing the rehabilitation and strengthening of existing structures using conventional and advanced materials, such as composites and fiber reinforced polymers.

Two groups of consultants will be selected through this solicitation: small/medium size firms for task orders with estimated study/design costs under \$100,000, or construction costs up to \$1,000,000; and large size firms for task orders with estimated study/design costs up to \$200,000 or construction costs up to \$2,000,000. The most qualified engineering firms will be selected to provide full structural services specified in this solicitation.

Previous experience in developing innovative and sustainable designs would be important. Successful consultants should demonstrate their understanding of the City's vulnerability to the effects of climate change and sea level rise and its goal to address resiliency through infrastructure projects.

Interested firms shall provide full structural professional engineering services to the City using in-house staff with the assistance of sub-consultants if needed.

Successful firms shall carry out the responsibilities delineated in each project's scope of services and shall provide such services, as needed, to successfully complete the project within the time and budget constraints set forth and agreed upon in the various task orders. The successful firm may propose to utilize sub-consultants for technical assistance necessary to develop work if needed.

Successful firms must be properly registered and in compliance with the Florida Department of State, Division of Corporations, in addition to being licensed and registered with the Department of Business and Professional Regulation to practice engineering in the State of Florida.

The summary of services required from the selected consultants are presented below:

- Nondestructive testing, under water inspection, nonlinear finite element analysis, and integrity assessment of structural elements.
- Assessment of structures and preparation of master plans with short-term and long-term repair and replacement recommendations. The master plans shall include planning level design documents including sketches, preliminary descriptions of work to be performed, and cost estimates.
- Review and utilize the findings of the surveys, geotechnical investigations, inspections, and material sampling and testing programs to perform an overall condition assessment and rating of the various structural components.
- Analysis, design, and development of construction documents for all types of structures such as, buildings, bridges, seawalls, and water and wastewater plant structures.
- Design of repair/strengthening techniques and development of construction documents for all types of structures such as, buildings, bridges, seawalls, and water and wastewater plant structures.
- Perform structural feasibility studies.
- Recommend routine maintenance, operational practices, and repairs and/or enhancements that would appreciably extend the remaining structure's service life.
- Design of foundation systems for various structures including concrete spread footings, toe wall footings, mat foundation, auger cast piles, steel piles, and precast concrete piles.
- Perform evaluation, analysis and recommendations for soil strengthening and remediation.
- Provide cost estimates for proposed design and improvements at various stages (30% complete, 60% complete, 90% complete, and 100% complete) of a project.
- Construction management and assisting the City staff with bidding and bid evaluation.

## Section IV – Submittal Requirements

### 4.1 Instructions

**4.1.1** All proposals must be submitted in a sealed package with the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) number, due and open date, and RFQ title clearly marked on the outside. If more than one package is submitted they should be marked 1 of 2, etc.

**4.1.2 THIS IS A PAPER RFQ SUBMITTAL WITH CDs.** All Statement of Qualifications (SOQs) must be received by the City of Fort Lauderdale, in the Procurement Services Division, Room 619, City Hall, 100 North Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, 33301 prior to 2:00 pm on the date specified. Submittal of response by fax or e-mail will NOT be acceptable.

**PROPOSERS MUST SUBMIT AN IDENTIFIED ORIGINAL HARD COPY, PLUS (5) ADDITIONAL HARD COPIES OF THEIR PROPOSAL PAGES INCLUDING ANY ATTACHMENTS.**

**THE ABOVE REQUIREMENTS TOTAL (6) HARD COPIES OF YOUR PROPOSAL. CONTRACTORS SHOULD SUBMIT YOUR PROPOSAL ALSO ON A CD. CONTRACTOR SHOULD PROVIDE (1) CD COPY OF YOUR PROPOSAL. CD COPIES MUST MATCH THE ORIGINAL HARDCOPY. IN CASE OF ANY DISCREPANCY BETWEEN THE ORIGINAL HARD COPIES AND THE CD, THE ORIGINAL HARD COPY PREVAILS. FAILURE TO PROVIDE PROPOSALS AS STATED ABOVE, MAY BE GROUNDS TO FIND CONTRACTOR NON-RESPONSIVE.**

The proposer understands that the information contained in these Proposal Pages is to be relied upon by the City in awarding the proposed Agreement, and such information is warranted by the proposer to be true. The proposer agrees to furnish such additional information, prior to acceptance of any proposal, relating to the qualifications of the proposer, as may be required by the City.

**A representative who is authorized to contractually bind the Contractor shall sign the STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATION CERTIFICATION. Omission of a signature on that page may result in rejection of your proposal.**

Although proposals are accepted 'hard copy', the City of Fort Lauderdale uses BIDSYNC ([www.bidsync.com](http://www.bidsync.com)) to administer the competitive solicitation process, including but not limited to soliciting responses, issuing addenda, responding to questions / requests for information. There is no charge to register and download the RFQ from BIDSYNC. Offerors are strongly encouraged to read the various vendor Guides and Tutorials available in BIDSNYC well in advance of their intention of submitting a response to ensure familiarity with the use of BIDSYNC. The City shall not be responsible for an Offeror's inability to submit a response by the end date and time for any reason, including issues arising from the use of BIDSYNC.

**4.1.2** Careful attention must be given to all requested items contained in this RFQ. Consultants are invited to submit responses in accordance with the requirements of this RFQ. Please read entire solicitation before submitting a SOQ. Consultants must provide a response to each requirement of the RFQ. Responses should be prepared in a concise manner with

an emphasis on completeness and clarity. Consultant's notes, exceptions, and comments may be rendered on an attachment, provided the same format of this RFQ text is followed.

- 4.1.3** All information submitted by Offeror shall be typewritten or provided as otherwise instructed to in the RFQ. Offerors shall use and submit any applicable or required forms provided by the City and attach such to their response. Failure to use the forms may cause the response to be rejected and deemed non-responsive.
- 4.1.4** Responses shall be submitted by an authorized representative of the firm. Responses must be submitted in the business entities name by the President, Partner, Officer or Representative authorized to contractually bind the business entity. Responses shall include an attachment evidencing that the individual submitting the response, does in fact have the required authority stated herein.
- 4.1.5** All responses will become the property of the City. The Proposer's response to the RFP is a public record pursuant to Florida law, which is subject to disclosure by the City under the State of Florida Public Records Law, Florida Statutes Chapter 119.07 ("Public Records Law"). The City shall permit public access to all documents, papers, letters or other material submitted in connection with this RFP and the Contract to be executed for this RFP, subject to the provisions of Chapter 119.07 of the Florida Statutes. Any language contained in the Proposer's response to the RFP purporting to require confidentiality of any portion of the Proposer's response to the RFP, except to the extent that certain information is in the City's opinion a Trade Secret pursuant to Florida law, shall be void. If a Proposer submits any documents or other information to the City which the Proposer claims is Trade Secret information and exempt from Florida Statutes Chapter 119.07 ("Public Records Laws"), the Proposer shall clearly designate that it is a Trade Secret and that it is asserting that the document or information is exempt. The Proposer must specifically identify the exemption being claimed under Florida Statutes 119.07. The City shall be the final arbiter of whether any information contained in the Proposer's response to the RFP constitutes a Trade Secret. The City's determination of whether an exemption applies shall be final, and the proposer agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the City and the City's officers, employees, and agent, against any loss or damages incurred by any person or entity as a result of the City's treatment of records as public records. In the event of Contract award, all documentation produced as part of the Contract shall become the exclusive property of the City.

## **4.2 Contents of the Statement of Qualification**

The City deems certain documentation and information important in the determination of responsiveness and for the purpose of evaluating responses. Responses should seek to avoid information in excess of that requested, must be concise, and must specifically address the issues of this RFQ. The City prefers that responses be no more than fifty (50) pages double-sided, be bound in a soft cover binder, and utilize recyclable and recycled-content materials as much as practical. Elaborate binders are neither necessary nor desired. Please place the labeled DVD/CD in a paper sleeve. The responses shall be organized and divided into the sections indicated herein. These are not inclusive of all the information that may be necessary to properly evaluate the response and meet the requirements of the scope of work and/or specifications. Additional documents and information should be provided as deemed appropriate by the respondent in response to specific requirements stated herein or through the RFQ.

**Note:** Do not include pricing - Compensation will be requested and considered only during the competitive negotiations process.



**4.2.1 Table of Contents**

The table of contents should outline in sequential order the major areas of the submittal, including enclosures. All pages should be consecutively numbered and correspond to the Table of Contents.

**4.2.2 Executive Summary**

Each Offeror must submit an executive summary that identifies the business entity, its background, main office(s), and office location that will service this contract. Identify the officers, principals, supervisory staff and key individuals who will be directly involved with the work and their office locations. The executive summary should also summarize the key elements of the SOQ.

**4.2.3 Firm Qualifications and Experience**

Respondents should submit a complete Standard Form 330 and provide any other documentation that demonstrates their ability to satisfy all of the minimum qualification requirements. Indicate the firm's number of years of experience in providing the professional services as it relates the work contemplated. Provide details of past projects for agencies of similar size and scope, including information on your firm's ability to meet time and budget requirements. Indicate the firm's initiatives towards its own sustainable business practices that demonstrate a commitment to conservation. Indicate business structure, Corp., Partnership, LLC. Firm should be registered as a legal entity in the State of Florida; Minority or Woman owned Business (if applicable); company address, phone number, fax number, e-mail address, web site, contact person(s), etc. Relative size of the firm, including management, technical and support staff; licenses and any other pertinent information shall be submitted.

**4.2.4 Organizational Profile and Project Team**

This section shall include a detailed profile of the organization and identify the project team (on Standard Form 330). Providing this information on an organizational chart is recommended. This section shall also include resumes of the project team. Lastly, this section shall include details of how each project team member will contribute to the project, in what capacity, and the level of involvement they will have. Provide a comprehensive summary of the experience and qualifications of the individual(s) who will be selected to serve as the project manager(s) for the City.

**4.2.6 Approach to Scope of Work**

Provide in concise narrative form, your understanding of the City's needs, goals and objectives as they relate to the project, and your overall approach to accomplishing the project. Give an overview on your proposed vision, ideas and methodology. Describe your proposed approach to the project. As part of the project approach, the firm shall propose a scheduling methodology (time line) for effectively managing and executing the work in the optimum time. Also provide information on your firm's current workload and how this project will fit into your workload. Describe available facilities, technological capabilities and other available resources you offer for the project.

**4.2.7 Approach to Addressing Climate Change and Sea Level Rise**

Discuss your past experience and planned approach for these projects.

**4.2.8 References**

Provide at least three references, preferably government agencies, for projects with similar scope as listed in this RFQ. Information should include:

- Client Name, address, contact person telephone and e-mail addresses.
- Description of work.
- Year the project was completed.
- Total cost of the construction, estimated and actual.

**Note:** Do not include City of Fort Lauderdale work or staff as references to demonstrate your capabilities. The Committee is interested in work experience and references other than the City of Fort Lauderdale.

#### **4.2.9 Minority (MBE) Participation**

If your firm is a certified minority business enterprise as defined by the Florida Small and Minority Business Assistance Act of 1985, provide copies of your certification(s). If your firm is not a certified MBE, describe your company's previous efforts, as well as planned efforts in meeting MBE procurement goals under Florida Statutes 287.09451.

#### **4.2.10 Subconsultants**

Consultant must clearly identify any Subconsultants that may be utilized during the term of this contract. All information requested in sections 4.2.3 through 4.2.8 shall be provided for each proposed subconsultant.

#### **4.2.11 Required Forms (Section 6)**

##### **a. Statement of Qualification Certification**

Complete and attach the Statement of Qualification Certification provided herein in Section 6 - Required Forms

##### **b. Non-Collusion Statement**

This form is to be completed, if applicable, and inserted in this section.

##### **c. Local Business Preference (LBP)**

This form is to be completed, if applicable, and inserted in this section

##### **d. Contract Payment Method**

This form must be completed and returned with your SOQ. Proposers must presently have the ability to accept these credit cards or take whatever steps necessary to implement acceptance of a card before the start of the contract term, or contract award by the City.

##### **e. Sample Insurance Certificate**

Demonstrate your firm's ability to comply with insurance requirements. Provide a previous certificate or other evidence listing the Insurance Companies names for both Professional Liability and General Liability and the dollar amounts of the coverage.

- 4.3** By submitting a SOQ, each firm is confirming that the firm has not been placed on the convicted vendors list as described in Section §287.133 (2) (a) Florida Statutes.

- 4.4** Before awarding a contract, the City reserves the right to require that a firm submit such evidence of his/her qualifications as the City may deem necessary. Further, the City may consider any evidence of the financial, technical, and other qualifications and abilities of a firm or principals, including previous experiences of same with the City and performance evaluation for services, in making the award in the best interest of the City.

## **Section V - Evaluation and Award**

### **5.1 Evaluation Procedure**

- 5.1.1** Evaluation of the submittals will be conducted by an Evaluation Committee, consisting of a minimum of three members of City Staff, or other persons selected by the City Manager or designee. All committee members must be present at scheduled evaluation meetings. Submittals shall be evaluated based upon the information and references contained in the Statement of Qualifications (SOQ's) as submitted. Evaluation procedures shall be regulated by F.S. § 287.055, referred to as Consultant's Competitive Negotiations Act (CCNA). Any firm(s) involved in a joint venture in its SOQ will be evaluated individually, as each firm of the joint venture would have to stand on its own merits.
- 5.1.2** The committee shall short list no less than three (3) submittals, assuming that three submittals have been received, that it deems best satisfy the weighted criteria set forth herein and attempt to select the best qualified firm(s) for the particular discipline. The committee shall then hold discussions, conduct interviews, and/or require oral presentations with all short-listed firms. The committee shall then re-rank the short-listed firms based upon the information provided in interviews and/or presentations, the materials presented, the firm's responses to the Request for Qualifications (RFQ), and deliberations of the Evaluation Committee at publically advertised Evaluation Meetings. The City may request and the firm shall provide additional information deemed necessary by the evaluation committee to conduct evaluations.
- 5.1.3** The final ranking and the Evaluation Committee's recommendation shall be reported to the City Commission through and with the concurrence of the City Manager, who shall request the City Commission approve the final ranking and authorize staff to commence negotiations with the top ranked proposers.
- 5.1.4** If the City manager or his/her designee is unable to negotiate a satisfactory contract with the first ranked firm, negotiations with that firm shall be formally terminated. Upon termination of said negotiations, negotiations shall then be undertaken with the second ranked firm, with this process being repeated until an agreement is reached which is then recommended and formally approved by the City Commission or until the short-list is exhausted in which case a new Request for Qualifications may be undertaken.

### **5.2 Evaluation Criteria**

- 5.2.1** Per Florida Statute 287.055, in determining whether a firm is qualified, the agency shall consider such factors as the ability of professional personnel; whether a firm is a certified minority business enterprise; past performance; willingness to meet time and budget requirements; location; recent, current, and projected workloads of the firms; and the volume of work previously awarded to each firm by the agency, with the object of effecting an equitable distribution of contracts among qualified firms, provided such distribution does not violate the principle of selection of the most highly qualified firms. The agency may request, accept, and consider proposals for the compensation to be paid under the contract only during competitive negotiations.
- 5.2.2** The City uses a mathematical formula to determine the scoring for each individual responsive and responsible firm based on the weighted criteria stated herein. Each

evaluation committee member will rank each firm by criteria, giving their first ranked firm as number 1, the second ranked firm a number 2, and so on. The City shall average the ranking for each criterion, for all evaluation committee members, and then multiply that average ranking by the weighted criteria identified herein. The lowest average final ranking score will determine the recommendation by the evaluation committee to the City Manager.

### 5.2.3 Weighted Criteria

| Criteria   | Percentage |
|--|------------|
| <b>Qualifications of Firm</b><br>To include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• experience and the abilities of the firm</li> <li>• past performance on previous similar projects and references (both City and other entity work)</li> <li>• consideration volume of previous work awarded by the City (as applicable)</li> </ul> | <b>35</b>  |
| <b>Qualifications of Project Team</b><br>To include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• experience and the abilities of the personnel proposed for the project and sub-consultants proposed</li> <li>• past performance on previous similar projects and references (both City and other entity work)</li> </ul>                   | <b>25</b>  |
| <b>Approach to Addressing Climate Change and Sea Level Rise</b>  | <b>10</b>  |
| <b>Approach to Scope of Work</b><br>To include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MBE participation efforts</li> <li>• current and projected workloads</li> <li>• overall scope</li> <li>• enhanced services proposed</li> <li>• other pertinent information</li> </ul>   | <b>30</b>  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>   | <b>100</b> |

**NOTE: Do not include pricing – Compensation will be requested and considered only during the competitive negotiations process.**

## 5.3 Contract Award

**5.3.1** The City reserves the right to award a contract to that Consultant who will best serve the interest of the City. The City reserves the right, based upon its deliberations and in its opinion, to accept or reject any or all submittals. The City also reserves the right to waive minor irregularities or variations of the submittal requirements and RFQ process.

- 5.3.2** Upon award of a Contract by the City Commission, the City Manager is authorized to execute the Contract on behalf of the City.
- 5.3.3** The City Manager shall appoint a contract administrator or project manager for each contract to assure compliance with the contract and applicable law. The contract administrator or project manager shall review all pay requests or deny same as required prior to approval by the City Manager.

# **Section VI**

## **Required Forms**

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### STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATION CERTIFICATION

**Please Note:** All fields below must be completed. If the field does not apply to you, please note N/A in that field.

If you are a foreign corporation, you may be required to obtain a certificate of authority from the department of state, in accordance with Florida Statute §607.1501 (visit <http://www.dos.state.fl.us/> ).

Company: (Legal Registration) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No. \_\_\_\_\_ FAX No. \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Does your firm qualify for MBE or WBE status: MBE \_\_\_\_\_ WBE \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDENDUM ACKNOWLEDGEMENT** - Proposer acknowledges that the following addenda have been received and are included in the proposal:

| <u>Addendum No.</u> | <u>Date Issued</u> | <u>Addendum No.</u> | <u>Date Issued</u> |
|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| _____               | _____              | _____               | _____              |
| _____               | _____              | _____               | _____              |

**VARIANCES:** State any variations to specifications, terms and conditions in the space provided below or reference in the space provided below all variances contained on other pages of bid, attachments or bid pages. No variations or exceptions by the Proposer will be deemed to be part of the bid submitted unless such variation or exception is listed and contained within the bid documents and referenced in the space provided below. If no statement is contained in the below space, it is hereby implied that your bid/proposal complies with the full scope of this solicitation. If this section does not apply to your bid, simply mark N/A. **If submitting your response electronically through BIDSNC you must click the exception link if any variation or exception is taken to the specifications, terms and conditions.**

The below signatory hereby agrees to furnish the following article(s) or services at the price(s) and terms stated subject to all instructions, conditions, specifications addenda, legal advertisement, and conditions contained in the bid/proposal. I have read all attachments including the specifications and fully understand what is required. By submitting this signed proposal I will accept a contract if approved by the City and such acceptance covers all terms, conditions, and specifications of this bid/proposal. The below signatory also hereby agrees, by virtue of submitting or attempting to submit a response, hereby agrees that in no event shall the City's liability for respondent's indirect, incidental, consequential, special or exemplary damages, expenses, or lost profits arising out of this competitive solicitation process, including but not limited to public advertisement, bid conferences, site visits, evaluations, oral presentations, or award proceedings exceed the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500.00). This limitation shall not apply to claims arising under any provision of indemnification or the City's protest ordinance contained in this competitive solicitation.

Submitted by:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name (printed)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title



### NON-COLLUSION STATEMENT

By signing this offer, the vendor/contractor certifies that this offer is made independently and *free* from collusion. Vendor shall disclose below any City of Fort Lauderdale, FL officer or employee, or any relative of any such officer or employee who is an officer or director of, or has a material interest in, the vendor's business, who is in a position to influence this procurement.

Any City of Fort Lauderdale, FL officer or employee who has any input into the writing of specifications or requirements, solicitation of offers, decision to award, evaluation of offers, or any other activity pertinent to this procurement is presumed, for purposes hereof, to be in a position to influence this procurement.

For purposes hereof, a person has a material interest if they directly or indirectly own more than 5 percent of the total assets or capital stock of any business entity, or if they otherwise stand to personally gain if the contract is awarded to this vendor.

In accordance with City of Fort Lauderdale, FL Policy and Standards Manual, 6.10.8.3,

3.3. City employees may not contract with the City through any corporation or business entity in which they or their immediate family members hold a controlling financial interest (e.g. ownership of five (5) percent or more).

3.4. Immediate family members (spouse, parents and children) are also prohibited from contracting with the City subject to the same general rules.

**Failure of a vendor to disclose any relationship described herein shall be reason for debarment in accordance with the provisions of the City Procurement Code.**

#### NAME

#### RELATIONSHIPS

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**In the event the vendor does not indicate any names, the City shall interpret this to mean that the vendor has indicated that no such relationships exist.**

### LOCAL BUSINESS PREFERENCE CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

The Business identified below certifies that it qualifies for the local BUSINESS preference classification as indicated herein, and further certifies and agrees that it will re-affirm it's local preference classification annually no later than thirty (30) calendar days prior to the anniversary of the date of a contract awarded pursuant to this ITB. Violation of the foregoing provision may result in contract termination.

- (1) \_\_\_\_\_ is a **Class A** Business as defined in City of Fort Lauderdale Ordinance No. C-12-04, Sec.2-199.2. A copy of the City of Fort Lauderdale current year Business Tax Receipt and a complete list of full-time employees and their addresses shall be provided within 10 calendar days of a formal request by the City.  
Business Name
- (2) \_\_\_\_\_ is a **Class B** Business as defined in the City of Fort Lauderdale Ordinance No. C-12-04, Sec.2-199.2. A copy of the Business Tax Receipt or a complete list of full-time employees and their addresses shall be provided within 10 calendar days of a formal request by the City.  
Business Name
- (3) \_\_\_\_\_ is a **Class C** Business as defined in the City of Fort Lauderdale Ordinance No. C-12-04, Sec.2-199.2. A copy of the Broward County Business Tax Receipt shall be provided within 10 calendar days of a formal request by the City.  
Business Name
- (4) \_\_\_\_\_ requests a **Conditional Class A** classification as defined in the City of Fort Lauderdale Ordinance No. C-12-04, Sec.2-199.2. Written certification of intent shall be provided within 10 calendar days of a formal request by the City.  
Business Name
- (5) \_\_\_\_\_ requests a **Conditional Class B** classification as defined in the City of Fort Lauderdale Ordinance No. C-12-04, Sec.2-199.2. Written certification of intent shall be provided within 10 calendar days of a formal request by the City.  
Business Name
- (6) \_\_\_\_\_ is considered a **Class D** Business as defined in the City of Fort Lauderdale Ordinance No. C-12-04, Sec.2-199.2. and does not qualify for Local Preference consideration.  
Business Name

BIDDER'S COMPANY: \_\_\_\_\_

AUTHORIZED COMPANY PERSON: \_\_\_\_\_  
NAME SIGNATURE DATE

**CONTRACT PAYMENT METHOD BY P-CARD**

The City of Fort Lauderdale has implemented a Procurement Card (P-Card) program which changes how payments are remitted to its vendors. The City has transitioned from traditional paper checks to payment by credit card via MasterCard or Visa. This allows you as a vendor of the City of Fort Lauderdale to receive your payment fast and safely. No more waiting for checks to be printed and mailed.

In accordance with Article 7, item 7.4.3 of the consultant agreement attached herein, payments for all services will be made utilizing the City's P-Card program (MasterCard or Visa). Accordingly, firms must presently have the ability to accept credit card payment or take whatever steps necessary to implement acceptance of a credit card before the commencement of the agreement.

Please indicate with which credit card you prefer to be paid:

\_\_\_\_\_ MasterCard

\_\_\_\_\_ Visa Card

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name (printed)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

AGREEMENT

Between

City of Fort Lauderdale

and

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for

CONSULTANT SERVICES

for

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## AGREEMENT

THIS IS AN AGREEMENT made and entered into this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_, by and between:

CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, a Florida municipality,  
(hereinafter referred to as "CITY")

and

\_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_  
(hereinafter [State] if not Florida add  
- authorized to do business in the State of Florida. [Entity  
type]  
referred to as "CONSULTANT").

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida at its meeting of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_ authorized by motion the execution of this Agreement between  
CONSULTANT \_\_\_\_\_ and CITY \_\_\_\_\_ authorizing the performance of  
\_\_\_\_\_, RFQ No. \_\_\_\_\_ (the "Agreement") ;and

WHEREAS, the CONSULTANT is willing and able to render professional services for such project for the compensation and on the terms hereinafter set forth;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants, agreements, terms, and conditions contained herein, the parties hereto, do agree as follows:

### ARTICLE 1 DEFINITIONS AND IDENTIFICATIONS

For the purposes of this Agreement and the various covenants, conditions, terms and provisions which follow, the DEFINITIONS and IDENTIFICATIONS set forth below are assumed to be true and correct and are therefore agreed upon by the parties.

- 1.1 AGREEMENT: Means this document between the CITY and CONSULTANT dated \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_ and any duly authorized and executed Amendments to Agreement.
- 1.2 CERTIFICATE FOR PAYMENT: A statement by CONSULTANT based on observations at the site and on review of documentation submitted by the Contractor that by its issuance recommends that CITY pay identified amounts to the Contractor for services performed by the Contractor at the Project.
- 1.3 CHANGE ORDER: A written order to the CONSULTANT approved by the CITY authorizing a revision of this agreement between the CITY and the CONSULTANT that is directly related to the original scope of work or an adjustment in the original contract price or the contract time directly related to the original scope of work, issued on or after the effective date of this Agreement.

The CONSULTANT may review and make recommendations to the CITY on any proposed Change Orders, for approval or other appropriate action by the CITY.

- 1.4 CITY: The City of Fort Lauderdale, a Florida municipality.

- 1.5 CITY MANAGER: The City Manager of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida.
- 1.6 COMMISSION: The City Commission of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, which is the governing body of the CITY government.
- 1.7 CONSTRUCTION COST: The total construction cost to CITY of all elements of the Project designed or specified by the CONSULTANT.
- 1.8 CONSTRUCTION COST LIMIT: A maximum construction cost limit established by the CITY defining the maximum budget amount to which the final construction documents should be designed so as not to exceed.
- 1.9 CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS: Those working drawings and specifications and other writings setting forth in detail and prescribing the work to be done, the materials, workmanship and other requirements for construction of the entire Project, including any bidding information.
- 1.10 CONSULTANT: \_\_\_\_\_, the CONSULTANT selected to perform professional services pursuant to this Agreement.
- 1.11 CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR: The Public Works Director of the City of Fort Lauderdale, or his designee. In the administration of this Agreement, as contrasted with matters of policy, all parties may rely upon instructions or determinations made by the Contract Administrator.
- 1.12 CONTRACTOR: One or more individuals, firms, corporations or other entities identified as such by a written agreement with CITY ("Contract for Construction") to perform the construction services required to complete the Project.
- 1.13 ERROR: A mistake in design, plans and/or specifications that incorporates into those documents an element that is incorrect and is deficient from the standard of care that a professional engineer in similar circumstances, working on a similar project and location would have exercised. Also includes mistakes in design, plans, specifications and/or shop drawings review that lead to materials and/or equipment being ordered and/or delivered where additional costs are incurred.
- 1.14 FINAL STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CONSTRUCTION COSTS: A final cost estimate prepared by CONSULTANT during the Final Design Phase of the Project, based upon the final detailed Construction Documents of the Project.
- 1.15 NOTICE TO PROCEED: A written Notice to Proceed with the Project issued by the Contract Administrator.
- 1.16 OMISSION: A scope of work missed by the CONSULTANT that is necessary for the Project, including a quantity miscalculation, which was later discovered and added by Change Order and which is deficient from the standard of care that a professional engineer in similar circumstances, working on a similar project and location would have exercised. Also includes design that was wrong, but was corrected after award to the Contractor, but before the construction process was materially affected.
- 1.17 ORIGINAL CONTRACT PRICE: The original bid and/or contract price as awarded to a Contractor

based upon the CONSULTANT'S final detailed Construction Documents of the Project.

- 1.18 PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS: The documents setting forth the final design plans and specifications of the Project, including architectural, civil, structural, mechanical, electrical, communications and security systems, materials, lighting equipment, site and landscape design, and other essentials as may be appropriate, all as approved by CITY as provided in this Agreement.
- 1.19 PRELIMINARY PLANS: The documents prepared by the CONSULTANT consisting of preliminary design drawings, renderings and other documents to fix and describe the size and character of the entire Project, and the relationship of Project components to one another and existing features.
- 1.20 PROJECT: An agreed scope of work for accomplishing a specific plan or development. This may include, but is not limited to, planning, architectural, engineering, and construction support services. The services to be provided by the CONSULTANT shall be as defined in this Agreement and further detailed in Task Orders for individual projects or combinations of projects. The Project planning, design and construction may occur in separate phases and Task Orders at the CITY's discretion.
- 1.21 RESIDENT PROJECT REPRESENTATIVE: Individuals or entities selected, employed, compensated by and directed to perform services on behalf of CITY, in monitoring the Construction Phase of the Project to completion.
- 1.22 TASK ORDER: A document setting forth a negotiated detailed scope of services to be performed by the CONSULTANT at fixed contract prices in accordance with this Agreement between the CITY and the CONSULTANT.
- 1.23 TIME OF COMPLETION: Time in which the entire work shall be completed for each Task Order.

## ARTICLE 2 PREAMBLE

In order to establish the background, context and frame of reference for this Agreement and to generally express the objectives and intentions of the respective parties hereto, the following statements, representations and explanations shall be accepted as predicates for the undertakings and commitments included within the provisions of this Agreement which follow and may be relied upon by the parties as essential elements of the mutual considerations upon which this Agreement is based.

- 2.1 Pursuant to Section 287.055, Florida Statutes, CITY has formed a Committee to evaluate the CONSULTANT's statement of qualifications and performance data to ensure that the CONSULTANT has met the requirements of the Consultants' Competitive Negotiation Act, as set forth in Section 287.055, Florida Statutes, and has selected CONSULTANT to perform services hereunder.

### ARTICLE 3 SCOPE OF SERVICES

- 3.1 The CONSULTANT shall perform the following professional services: \_\_\_\_\_ as more specifically described in Exhibit "A," Scope of Services, attached hereto and incorporated herein, and shall include, but not be limited to, services as applicable and authorized by individual Task Orders for the individual projects in accordance with Article 5 herein. CONSULTANT shall provide all services set forth in Exhibit "A" including all necessary, incidental and related activities and services required by the Scope of Services and contemplated in CONSULTANT's level of effort.
- 3.2 CITY and CONSULTANT acknowledge that the Scope of Services does not delineate every detail and minor work tasks required to be performed by CONSULTANT to complete the Project. If, during the course of the performance of the services included in this Agreement, CONSULTANT determines that work should be performed to complete the Project which is in the CONSULTANT's opinion, outside the level of effort originally anticipated, whether or not the Scope of Services identifies the work items, CONSULTANT shall notify Contract Administrator and obtain written approval by the CITY in a timely manner before proceeding with the work. If CONSULTANT proceeds with said work without notifying the Contract Administrator, said work shall be deemed to be within the original level of effort, whether or not specifically addressed in the Scope of Services. Notice to Contract Administrator does not constitute authorization or approval by CITY to perform the work. Performance of work by CONSULTANT outside the originally anticipated level of effort without prior written CITY approval is at CONSULTANT's sole risk.

### ARTICLE 4 GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 4.1 Negotiations pertaining to the professional design, engineering, architectural and project management services to be performed by the CONSULTANT have been undertaken between CONSULTANT and a committee of CITY representatives pursuant to Section 287.055, Florida Statutes, and this Agreement incorporates the results of such negotiation.
- 4.2 CONSULTANT shall include CITY's specific Task Order number as part of the heading on all correspondence, invoices and drawings. All correspondence shall be directed specifically to the Contract Administrator.

### ARTICLE 5 TASK ORDERS

- 5.1 The Project will be divided into "Tasks."
- 5.2 Task Orders shall be jointly prepared by the CITY and CONSULTANT defining the detailed scope of services to be provided for the particular Project. Each Task Order shall be separately numbered and approved in accordance with this Agreement and all applicable CITY code requirements.



- 5.3 Under all Task Orders and Projects, CITY may require the CONSULTANT, by specific written authorization, and for mutually agreed upon additional compensation, to provide or assist in obtaining one or more of the following special services. These services may include, at the discretion of the CITY, the following items:
- 5.3.1 Providing additional copies of reports, contract drawings and documents; and
- 5.3.2 Assisting CITY with litigation support services arising from the planning, development, or construction.
- 5.4 Prior to initiating the performance of any services under this Agreement, CONSULTANT must receive a written Notice to Proceed / Purchase Order from the CITY. The CONSULTANT must receive the approval of the Contract Administrator or his designee in writing prior to beginning the performance of services in any subsequent Task Order under this Agreement.
- 5.5 If, in the opinion of the CITY, the CONSULTANT is improperly performing the services under a specific Task Order, or if at any time the CITY shall be of the opinion that said Task Order is being unnecessarily delayed and will not be completed within the agreed upon time, the CITY shall notify the CONSULTANT in writing. The CONSULTANT has within ten (10) working days thereafter to take such measures as will, in the judgment of the CITY, ensure satisfactory performance and completion of the work. If the CONSULTANT fails to cure within the ten (10) working days, the CITY may notify the CONSULTANT to discontinue all work under the specified Task Order. The CONSULTANT shall immediately respect said notice and stop said work and cease to have any rights in the possession of the work and shall forfeit the Task Order and any remaining monies. The CITY may then decide, after City Commission approval, to issue a new Task Order for the uncompleted work to another consultant using the remaining funds. Any excess costs arising therefrom over and above the original Task Order price shall be charged against CONSULTANT, as the original CONSULTANT.

## ARTICLE 6

### TERM OF AGREEMENT; TIME FOR PERFORMANCE

- 6.1 The initial term of this Agreement shall be for \_\_\_\_ (\_\_) years from the date of this Agreement. The CITY shall have the option to renew this Agreement for \_\_\_\_ (\_\_) successive one (\_\_) year terms under the same terms, conditions, and compensation as set forth herein.
- 6.2 CONSULTANT shall perform the services described in Task Orders within the time periods specified in the Task Order. Said time periods shall commence from the date of the Notice to Proceed for such services.
- 6.3 Prior to beginning the performance of any services under this Agreement, CONSULTANT must receive a Notice to Proceed. CONSULTANT must receive written approval from the Contract Administrator prior to beginning the performance of services in any subsequent phases of the Agreement. Prior to granting approval for CONSULTANT to proceed to a subsequent phase, the Contract Administrator may, at his or her sole option, require CONSULTANT to submit itemized deliverables/documents for the Contract Administrator's review.
- 6.4 In the event CONSULTANT is unable to complete any services because of delays resulting from untimely review by CITY or other governmental authorities having jurisdiction over the Project, and such delays are not the fault of CONSULTANT, or because of delays which were caused by

factors outside the control of CONSULTANT, CITY shall grant a reasonable extension of time for completion of the services. It shall be the responsibility of the CONSULTANT to notify CITY promptly in writing whenever a delay in approval by a governmental agency is anticipated or experienced, and to inform CITY of all facts and details related to the delay.

- 6.5 The time for the performance of services described in assigned Task Orders shall be negotiated by the CITY and the CONSULTANT as the services are requested and authorized by the CITY.

## ARTICLE 7 COMPENSATION AND METHOD OF PAYMENT

### 7.1 AMOUNT AND METHOD OF COMPENSATION

The method of compensation for each Task Order shall be not to exceed as agreed upon per Task Order and described in Section 7.1.1 below.

#### 7.1.1 Not To Exceed Amount Compensation

CITY agrees to pay CONSULTANT as compensation for performance of all services as related to each Task Order under the terms of this Agreement a Not to Exceed Amount as agreed upon per Task Order. This compensation does not include Reimbursables as described in Section 7.2. It is agreed that the method of compensation is that of "Not to Exceed Amount" which means that CONSULTANT shall perform all services set forth in each Task Order for total compensation in the amount of or less than that stated total. The hourly rate-billing schedule to be used in negotiating each Task Order is attached as Exhibit "B" to this Agreement. As described in Section 8.1, no modification, amendment, or alteration to Exhibit "B" shall be effective unless contained in a written document prepared with the same formality as this Agreement and executed by the CITY and CONSULTANT.

A not to exceed proposal shall be accompanied by the CONSULTANT's estimate. The estimate shall detail the direct labor costs by categories of employees, work hours, and hourly rate; overhead; direct non-salary expenses including reimbursables; and profit, or as required by individual Task Order.

### 7.2 REIMBURSABLES

- 7.2.1 Direct non-salary expenses, entitled Reimbursables, directly attributable to the Project will be charged at actual cost. Reimbursable expenses are in addition to the compensation for basic services and include actual expenditures made by the CONSULTANT and the CONSULTANT'S employees directly attributable to the Project and will be charged at actual cost, without reference to the professional service fees above. CITY shall not withhold retainage from payments for Reimbursable Expenses. CONSULTANT shall be compensated for Reimbursables associated with a particular Task Order only up to the amount allocated for such Task Order. Any reimbursable or portion thereof which, when added to the Reimbursables related to a particular Task Order previously billed, exceeds the amount allocated for such Task Order shall be the responsibility of the CONSULTANT unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the Contract Administrator. Travel and subsistence expenses for the CONSULTANT, his staff and subconsultants and

communication expenses, long distance telephone, courier and express mail between CONSULTANT's and subconsultants' various offices are not reimbursable under this Agreement. Reimbursables shall include only the following listed expenses unless authorized in writing by the Contract Administrator:

A. Cost of reproduction, postage and handling of drawings and specifications which are required to deliver services set forth in this Agreement, excluding reproductions for the office use of the CONSULTANT. Reimbursable printing and photocopying expenses shall include only those prints or photocopies of original documents which are (i) exchanged among CONSULTANT, CITY and other third parties retained or employed by any of them or (ii) submitted to CITY for review, approval or further distribution. Documents, which are reproduced for CONSULTANT's internal drafts, reviews, or other purposes, are not eligible for reimbursement.

B. Identifiable testing costs approved by Contract Administrator.

C. All permit fees paid to regulatory agencies for approvals directly attributable to the Project. These permit fees do not include those permits required for the construction Contractor.

D. Overnight Delivery/Courier Charges (when CITY requires/requests this service).

7.2.2 Reimbursable subconsultant expenses are limited to the items described above when the subconsultant agreement provides for reimbursable expenses. A detailed statement of expenses must accompany any request for reimbursement. Local travel to and from the Project site or within the Tri-County Area will not be reimbursed.

7.2.3 It is acknowledged and agreed to by CONSULTANT that the dollar limitation set forth in each Task Order is a limitation upon, and describes the maximum extent of CITY's obligation to reimburse CONSULTANT for direct, nonsalary expenses, but does not constitute a limitation, of any sort, upon CONSULTANT's obligation to incur such expenses in the performance of services hereunder. If CITY or Contract Administrator requests CONSULTANT to incur expenses not contemplated in the amount for Reimbursables, CONSULTANT shall notify Contract Administrator in writing before incurring such expenses. Any such expenses shall be reviewed and approved by CITY prior to incurring such expenses.

### 7.3 METHOD OF BILLING

#### 7.3.1 Not To Exceed Amount Compensation

CONSULTANT shall submit billings, which are identified by the specific project number on a monthly basis in a timely manner for all salary costs and Reimbursables attributable to the Project. These billings shall identify the nature of the work performed for each phase, subtask, deliverable and item identified in the Exhibit "A" Scope of Services or Task Order, the total hours of work performed and the employee category of the individuals performing same. The statement shall show a summary of salary costs with accrual of the total and credits for portions paid previously. Subconsultant fees must be documented by copies of invoices or receipts, which describe the nature of the expenses and contain a project number or other identifier, which clearly indicates the expense, as identifiable to the

Project. Except for meals and travel expenses, it shall be deemed unacceptable for the CONSULTANT to modify the invoice or receipt by adding a project number or other identifier. Internal expenses must be documented by appropriate CONSULTANT's cost accounting forms with a summary of charges by category. When requested, CONSULTANT shall provide backup for past and current invoices that records hours and salary costs by employee category and subconsultant fees on a task basis, so that total hours and costs by task may be determined.

#### 7.4 METHOD OF PAYMENT

- 7.4.1 CITY shall pay CONSULTANT in accordance with the Florida Prompt Payment Act. To be deemed proper, all invoices must comply with the requirements set forth in this Agreement and must be submitted on the form and pursuant to instructions prescribed by Contract Administrator.
- 7.4.2 CITY will review CONSULTANT's invoices and, if inaccuracies or errors are discovered in said invoice, CITY will inform CONSULTANT within ten (10) working days by fax and/or by email of such inaccuracies or errors and request that revised copies of all such documents be re-submitted by CONSULTANT to CITY.
- 7.4.3 Payments are made by CITY to CONSULTANT using a CITY P-Card (MasterCard or Visa credit card).

### ARTICLE 8 AMENDMENTS AND CHANGES IN SCOPE OF SERVICES

- 8.1 No modification, amendment or alteration in the terms or conditions contained herein shall be effective unless contained in a written Amendment prepared with the same formality as this Agreement and executed by the CITY and CONSULTANT.
- 8.2 CITY or CONSULTANT may request changes that would increase, decrease, or otherwise modify the Scope of Services to be provided under a Task Order. Such changes must be contained in a written amendment, executed by the parties hereto, with the same formality and of equal dignity herewith, prior to any deviation from the terms of the Task Order including the initiation of any additional services. CITY shall compensate CONSULTANT for such additional services as provided in Article 7.
- 8.3 In the event a dispute between the Contract Administrator and CONSULTANT arises over whether requested services constitute additional services and such dispute cannot be resolved by the Contract Administrator and CONSULTANT, such dispute shall be promptly presented to the City Manager for resolution. The City Manager's decision shall be final and binding on the parties for amounts in the aggregate under \$100,000 per project. In the event of a dispute in an amount over \$100,000, the parties agree to use their best efforts to settle such dispute. To this effect, they shall consult and negotiate with each other, in good faith and, recognizing their mutual interests, attempt to reach a just and equitable solution satisfactory to both parties. If they do not reach such solution within a period of sixty (60) days, then upon notice to the other, either party may commence litigation to resolve the dispute in Broward County, Florida. Any resolution in favor of CONSULTANT shall be set forth in a written document in accordance with Section 8.2 above. During the pendency of any dispute, CONSULTANT shall promptly perform the disputed services.

## ARTICLE 9 CONSULTANT'S RESPONSIBILITIES

- 9.1 The CONSULTANT, following the CITY's approval of the Construction Documents and of the Final Statement of Probable Construction Costs, shall, when so directed and authorized by the CITY, assist the CITY in obtaining bids or negotiated proposals and assist in awarding and preparing contracts for construction. If requested, the CONSULTANT shall review and analyze the proposals received by the CITY, and shall make a recommendation for any award based on CITY's Purchasing Ordinance.
- 9.2 Should the lowest responsible, responsive proposal exceed the Final Statement of Probable Construction Costs by less than 10%, CONSULTANT, at no additional cost to the CITY, shall meet with the CITY's representatives and work to reduce costs to bring the Original Contract Price within the Final Statement of Probable Construction Costs. Should the lowest responsible, responsive proposal exceed the Final Statement of Probable Construction Costs by 10% or more, CONSULTANT shall, at the CITY's direction, redesign each Project and/or work with the CITY to reduce the costs to within the Final Statement of Probable Construction Costs at no additional expense to the CITY. If negotiations between the CITY and the CONSULTANT have not commenced within three months after completion of the final design phase, or if industry-wide prices are changed because of unusual or unanticipated events affecting the general level of prices or times of delivery in the construction industry, the established Construction Cost Limit may be adjusted in accordance with the applicable change in the Construction Cost Index for Twenty Cities from the date of completion of the final design phase and the date on which proposals are sought, as published monthly in "Engineering News Record". If each Project scope and design is expanded by the CITY after the CONSULTANT renders the estimated Construction Cost of the Plans and Specifications, the CONSULTANT shall not be responsible for any redesign without compensation.
- 9.3 The CONSULTANT shall provide the CITY with a list of recommended, prospective proposers.
- 9.4 The CONSULTANT shall attend all pre-proposal conferences.
- 9.5 The CONSULTANT shall recommend any addenda, through the Contract Administrator, as appropriate to clarify, correct, or change proposal documents.
- 9.6 If pre-qualification of proposers is required as set forth in the request for proposal, CONSULTANT shall assist the CITY, if requested, in developing qualification criteria, review qualifications and recommend acceptance or rejection of the proposers. If requested, CONSULTANT shall evaluate proposals and proposers, and make recommendations regarding any award by the CITY.
- 9.7 The CITY shall make decisions on all claims regarding interpretation of the Construction Documents, and on all other matters relating to the execution and progress of the work after receiving a recommendation from the CONSULTANT. The CONSULTANT shall check and approve samples, schedules, shop drawings and other submissions for conformance with the concept of each Project, and for compliance with the information given by the Construction Documents. The CONSULTANT may also prepare Change Orders, assemble written guarantees required of the Contractor, and approve progress payments to the Contractor based on each Project Schedule of Values and the percentage of work completed.

- 9.8 The CITY shall maintain a record of all Change Orders which shall be categorized according to the various types, causes, etc. that it may be determined are useful or necessary for its purpose. Among those shall be Change Orders identified as architectural/engineering Errors or Omissions.
- 9.8.1 Unless otherwise agreed by both parties in writing, it is specifically agreed that any change to the work identified as an Error on the part of the CONSULTANT shall be considered for purposes of this Agreement to be an additional cost to the CITY which would not be incurred without the Error.
- 9.8.2 Unless otherwise agreed by both parties in writing, it is further specifically agreed for purposes of this Agreement that fifteen percent (15%) of the cost of Change Orders for any item categorized as an Omission shall be considered an additional cost to the CITY which would not be incurred without the Omission. So long as the total of those two numbers (Change Order costs of Errors plus fifteen percent (15%) of Omissions) remains less than two percent (2%) of the total Construction Cost of the Project, the CITY shall not look to the CONSULTANT for reimbursement for Errors and Omissions.
- 9.8.3 Should the sum of the two as defined above (cost of Errors plus fifteen percent (15%) of the cost of Omissions) exceed two percent (2%) of the Construction Cost, the CITY shall recover the full and total additional cost to the CITY as a result of CONSULTANT's Errors and Omissions from the CONSULTANT, that being defined as the cost of Errors plus fifteen percent (15%) of the cost of Omissions above two percent (2%) of the Construction Cost.
- 9.8.4 To obtain such recovery, the CITY shall deduct from the CONSULTANT's fee a sufficient amount to recover all such additional cost to the CITY.
- 9.8.5 In executing this Agreement, the CONSULTANT acknowledges acceptance of these calculations and to the CITY's right to recover same as stated above. The recovery of additional costs to the CITY under this paragraph shall not limit or preclude recovery for other separate and/or additional damages which the CITY may otherwise incur.
- 9.8.6 The Contract Administrator's decision as to whether a Change Order is caused by an Error or caused by an Omission, taking into consideration industry standards, shall be final and binding on both parties for amounts in the aggregate under \$100,000 per project. In the event of a dispute in an amount over \$100,000, the parties agree to use their best efforts to settle such dispute. To this effect, they shall consult and negotiate with each other, in good faith and, recognizing their mutual interests, attempt to reach a just and equitable solution satisfactory to both parties. If they do not reach such solution within a period of sixty (60) days, then upon notice to the other, either party may commence litigation to resolve the dispute in Broward County, Florida.

## ARTICLE 10 CITY'S RESPONSIBILITIES

- 10.1 CITY shall assist CONSULTANT by placing at CONSULTANT's disposal all information CITY has available pertinent to the Project including previous reports and any other data relative to design or construction of the Project.
- 10.2 CITY shall arrange for access to, and make all provisions for, CONSULTANT to enter upon public and private property as required for CONSULTANT to perform its services.
- 10.3 CITY shall review the itemized deliverables/documents identified per Task Order.
- 10.4 CITY shall give prompt written notice to CONSULTANT whenever CITY observes or otherwise becomes aware of any development that affects the scope or timing of CONSULTANT's services or any defect in the work of the Contractor.

## ARTICLE 11 MISCELLANEOUS

### 11.1 OWNERSHIP OF DOCUMENTS

All documents including, but not limited to, drawings, renderings, plans, studies, models, and specifications prepared or furnished by CONSULTANT, its dependent professional associates and consultants, pursuant to this Agreement shall be owned by the CITY.

Drawings, specifications, designs, plans, studies, spreadsheets, models, photographs, reports, surveys and other data prepared in connection with this Agreement are and shall remain the property of the CITY whether the Project for which they are made is executed or not, and are subject to reuse by the CITY in accordance with Section 287.055(10) of the Florida Statutes. They are not intended or represented to be suitable for reuse by the CITY or others on extensions of this Project or on any other project without appropriate verification or adaptation. This does not, however, relieve the CONSULTANT of liability or legal exposure for errors, omissions, or negligent acts made on the part of the CONSULTANT in connection with the proper use of documents prepared under this Agreement. Any such verification or adaptation may entitle the CONSULTANT to further compensation at rates to be agreed upon by the CITY and the CONSULTANT. This shall not limit the CITY's reuse of preliminary or developmental plans or ideas incorporated therein, should the Project be suspended or terminated prior to completion.

### 11.2 TERMINATION

11.2.1 Termination for Cause. It is expressly understood and agreed that the CITY may terminate this Agreement at any time for cause in the event that the CONSULTANT (1) violates any provisions of this Agreement or performs same in bad faith or (2) unreasonably delays the performance of the services or does not perform the services in a timely manner upon written notice to the CONSULTANT. Notice of termination shall be provided in accordance with Section 11.27. In the case of termination by the CITY for cause, the CONSULTANT shall be first granted a 10 working day cure period after receipt of written notice from the CITY. In the event that the Agreement is terminated, the CONSULTANT shall be entitled to be compensated for the services rendered from the date of execution of the Agreement up to the time of termination. Such compensation shall

be based on the fee as set forth above, wherever possible. For those portions of services rendered to which the applicable fee cannot be applied, payment shall be based upon the appropriate rates for the actual time spent on the project. In the event that the CONSULTANT abandons this Agreement or through violation of any of the terms and conditions of this Agreement, causes it to be terminated, CONSULTANT shall indemnify the CITY against any loss pertaining to this termination.

All finished or unfinished documents, data, studies, surveys, drawings, maps, models, photographs and reports prepared by CONSULTANT shall become the property of CITY and shall be delivered by CONSULTANT to the CITY within five (5) days of CITY's request. Upon payment of such sum by CITY to CONSULTANT, CITY shall have no further duties or obligations pursuant to or arising from this Agreement.

- 11.2.1 It is expressly understood and agreed that the CITY may terminate this Agreement at any time by giving the CONSULTANT notice by telephone, or personally to one of the officers of the CONSULTANT, confirmed by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the principal office of the CONSULTANT. In the event that the Agreement is terminated, the CONSULTANT shall be entitled to be compensated for the services rendered from the date of execution of the Agreement up to the time of termination. Such compensation shall be based on the fee as set forth above, wherever possible. For those portions of services rendered to which the applicable fee cannot be applied, payment shall be based upon the appropriate rates for the actual time spent on the project. In the event that the CONSULTANT abandons this Agreement or through violation of any of the terms and conditions of this Agreement, causes it to be terminated, CONSULTANT shall indemnify the CITY against any loss pertaining to this termination. All finished or unfinished documents, data, studies, surveys, drawings, maps, models, photographs and reports prepared by CONSULTANT shall become the property of CITY and shall be delivered by CONSULTANT to the CITY within five (5) days of CITY's request. Upon payment of such sum by CITY to CONSULTANT, CITY shall have no further duties or obligations pursuant to or arising from this Agreement. CONSULTANT shall have the right to terminate this Agreement upon the substantial breach by the CITY of its obligations under this Agreement such as unreasonable delay in payment or non-payment of undisputed amounts.
- 11.2.2 This Agreement may also be terminated by CITY upon such notice as CITY deems appropriate in the event CITY or Contract Administrator determines that termination is necessary to protect the public health, safety, or welfare.
- 11.2.3 Notice of termination shall be provided in accordance with Section 11.27, NOTICES, except that Contract Administrator may provide a prior verbal stop work order if the Contract Administrator deems a stop work order of this Agreement in whole or in part is necessary to protect the public's health, safety, or welfare. A verbal stop work order shall be promptly confirmed in writing as set forth in Section 11.27, NOTICES.
- 11.2.4 Termination for Convenience. In the event this Agreement is terminated for convenience, CONSULTANT shall be paid for any services performed to the date the Agreement is terminated. Compensation shall be withheld until all documents specified in Section 11.3 of this Agreement are provided to the CITY. Upon being notified of CITY's election to terminate, CONSULTANT shall refrain from performing further services or incurring additional expenses under the terms of this Agreement. Under no circumstances shall CITY make payment for services which have not been performed.



11.2.5 Termination by Consultant. CONSULTANT shall have the right to terminate this Agreement upon substantial breach by the CITY of its obligation under this Agreement as to unreasonable delay in payment or non-payment of undisputed amounts. CONSULTANT shall have no right to terminate this Agreement for convenience of the CONSULTANT

### 11.3 AUDIT RIGHT AND RETENTION OF RECORDS

CITY shall have the right to audit the books, records, and accounts of CONSULTANT that are related to this Project. CONSULTANT shall keep such books, records, and accounts as may be necessary in order to record complete and correct entries related to the Project.

CONSULTANT shall preserve and make available, at reasonable times for examination and audit by CITY all financial records, supporting documents, statistical records, and any other documents pertinent to this Agreement for the required retention period of the Florida Public Records Act (Chapter 119, Florida Statutes), if applicable, or, if the Florida Public Records Act is not applicable, for a minimum of three (3) years after termination of this Agreement. If any audit has been initiated and audit findings have not been resolved at the end of the retention period or three (3) years, whichever is longer, the books, records, and accounts shall be retained until resolution of the audit findings. If the Florida Public Records Act is determined by CITY to be applicable to CONSULTANT's records, CONSULTANT shall comply with all requirements thereof; however, no confidentiality or non-disclosure requirement of either federal or state law shall be violated by CONSULTANT. Any incomplete or incorrect entry in such books, records, and accounts shall be a basis for CITY's disallowance and recovery of any payment upon such entry.

CONSULTANT shall:

- a) Keep and maintain public records that ordinarily and necessarily would be required by the CITY in order to perform the service.
- (b) Provide the public with access to public records on the same terms and conditions that the CITY would provide the records and at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in Chapter 119, Florida Statutes (2013), as may be amended or revised, or as otherwise provided by law.
- (c) Ensure that public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements are not disclosed except as authorized by law.
- (d) Meet all requirements for retaining public records and transfer, at no cost, to the CITY, all public records in possession of the CONSULTANT upon termination of this contract and destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. All records stored electronically must be provided to the CITY in a format that is compatible with the information technology systems of the CITY.

### 11.4 NON DISCRIMINATION, EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY, AND AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

CONSULTANT shall not unlawfully discriminate against any person in its operations and activities in its use or expenditure of the funds or any portion of the funds provided by this Agreement and shall affirmatively comply with all applicable provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) in the course of providing any services funded in whole or in part by CITY, including Titles I

and II of the ADA (regarding nondiscrimination or the basis of disability), and all applicable regulations, guidelines, and standards.

CONSULTANT's decisions regarding the delivery of services under this Agreement shall be made without regard to or consideration of race, age, religion, color, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, marital status, physical or mental disability, political affiliation, or any other factor which cannot be lawfully or appropriately used as a basis for service delivery.

CONSULTANT shall comply with Title I of the Americans with Disabilities Act regarding nondiscrimination on the basis of disability in employment and further shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, age, religion, color, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, marital status, political affiliation, or physical or mental disability. In addition, CONSULTANT shall take affirmative steps to ensure nondiscrimination in employment against disabled persons. Such actions shall include, but not be limited to, the following: employment, upgrading, demotion, transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff, termination, rates of pay, other forms of compensation, terms and conditions of employment, training (including apprenticeship), and accessibility.

CONSULTANT shall take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed and employees are treated without regard to race, age, religion, color, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, marital status, political affiliation, or physical or mental disability during employment. Such actions shall include, but not be limited to, the following: employment, upgrading, demotion, transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff, termination, rates of pay, other forms of compensation, terms and conditions of employment, training (including apprenticeship), and accessibility.

#### 11.5 MINORITY PARTICIPATION

Historically, the CITY has been able to achieve participation levels of approximately twelve percent (12%) by MBE/WBE firms in CITY projects, and in the purchase of goods and services. The CONSULTANT shall make a good faith effort to help the CITY maintain and encourage MBE/WBE participation levels consistent with such historical levels and market conditions. The CONSULTANT will be required to document all such efforts and supply the CITY with this documentation at the end of the Project, or in cases where projects are longer than one year, each CITY fiscal year.

#### 11.6 PUBLIC ENTITY CRIMES ACT

CONSULTANT represents that the execution of this Agreement will not violate the Public Entity Crimes Act (Section 287.133, Florida Statutes), which essentially provides that a person or affiliate who has been placed on the convicted vendor list following a conviction for a public entity crime may not submit a bid, proposal, or reply on a contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity; may not submit a bid, proposal, or reply on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work; may not submit bids, proposals, or replies on leases of real property to a public entity; may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with any public entity; and may not transact business with any public entity in excess of the threshold amount provided in s. 287.017 for CATEGORY TWO for a period of 36 months following the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list. Violation of this section shall result in termination of this Agreement and recovery of all monies paid hereto, and may result in debarment from CITY's competitive procurement activities.

In addition to the foregoing, CONSULTANT further represents that there has been no determination, based on an audit, that it committed an act defined by Section 287.133, Florida Statutes, as a "public entity crime" and that it has not been formally charged with committing an act defined as a "public entity crime" regardless of the amount of money involved or whether CONSULTANT has been placed on the convicted vendor list.

## 11.7 SUBCONSULTANTS

11.7.1 CONSULTANT may subcontract certain items of work to subconsultant. The parties expressly agree that the CONSULTANT shall submit pertinent information regarding the proposed subconsultant, including subconsultant's scope of work and fees, for review and approval by the CITY prior to sub-consultants proceeding with any work.

11.7.2 CONSULTANT shall utilize the subconsultants identified in the proposal that were a material part of the selection of CONSULTANT to provide the services for this Project. CONSULTANT shall obtain written approval of Contract Administrator prior to changing or modifying the list of subconsultants submitted by CONSULTANT.

The list of subconsultants submitted is as follows:

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(or attach as an exhibit if more appropriate)

## 11.8 ASSIGNMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Neither this Agreement nor any interest herein shall be assigned, transferred, or encumbered without the written consent of the other party, and CONSULTANT shall not subcontract any portion of the work required by this Agreement except as authorized pursuant to Section 11.7.

CONSULTANT represents that all persons delivering the services required by this Agreement have the knowledge and skills, either by training, experience, education, or a combination thereof, to adequately and competently perform the duties, obligations, and services set forth in the Scope of Services and to provide and perform such services to CITY's satisfaction for the agreed compensation.

CONSULTANT shall perform its duties, obligations, and services under this Agreement in a skillful and respectable manner. The quality of CONSULTANT's performance and all interim and final product(s) provided to or on behalf of CITY shall meet or exceed all professional standards of the State of Florida.

## 11.9 INDEMNIFICATION OF CITY

11.9.1 CONSULTANT shall defend, counsel being subject to CITY's approval, and indemnify and hold harmless CITY, and CITY's officers and employees from any and all claims, liabilities, damages, losses, penalties, fines, judgments, and costs, including, but not limited to, any award of attorneys' fees and any award of litigation costs, in connection with or arising directly or indirectly out of any act or omission by the CONSULTANT or by any officer, employee, agent, invitee, subcontractor, or subconsultant of the

CONSULTANT. The provisions of this Section shall survive the expiration or early termination of this Agreement. To the extent considered necessary by Contract Administrator and city attorney, any sums due the CONSULTANT under this Agreement may be retained by CITY until all of CITY's claims for indemnification pursuant to this Agreement have been settled or otherwise resolved, and any amount withheld shall not be subject to payment of interest by CITY.

11.9.2 It is specifically understood and agreed that the consideration inuring to the CONSULTANT for the execution of this Agreement are the promises, payments, covenants, rights and responsibilities contained herein and the award of this Agreement to the CONSULTANT.

11.9.3 The execution of this Agreement by the CONSULTANT shall obligate the CONSULTANT to comply with the foregoing indemnification provision.

#### 11.10 LIMITATION OF CITY'S LIABILITY

The CITY desires to enter into this Agreement only if in so doing the CITY can place a limit on the CITY'S liability for any cause of action arising out of this Agreement, so that the CITY'S liability for any breach never exceeds the sum of \$100.00. For other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the CONSULTANT expresses its willingness to enter into this Agreement with the knowledge that the CONSULTANT'S recovery from the CITY to any action or claim arising from the Agreement is limited to a maximum amount of \$100.00 less the amount of all funds actually paid by the CITY to the CONSULTANT pursuant to this Agreement. Accordingly, and notwithstanding any other term or condition of this Agreement that may suggest otherwise, the CONSULTANT agrees that the CITY shall not be liable to the CONSULTANT for damages in an amount in excess of \$100.00, which amount shall be reduced by the amount actually paid by the CITY to the CONSULTANT pursuant to this Agreement, for any action or claim arising out of this Agreement. Nothing contained in this paragraph or elsewhere in this Agreement is in any manner intended either to be a waiver of the limitation placed upon the CITY'S liability as set forth in Section 768.28, Florida Statutes, or to extend the CITY'S liability beyond the limits established in said Section 768.28; and no claim or award against the CITY shall include attorney's fees, investigative costs, extended damages, expert fees, suit costs or pre-judgment interest. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the parties agree and understand that the provisions of this Article 11.10 do not apply to monies owed, if any, for services rendered to CONSULTANT by the CITY under the provisions of this Agreement.

#### 11.11 INSURANCE

11.11.1 CONSULTANT shall provide and shall require all of its sub-consultants and sub-contractors to provide, pay for, and maintain in force at all times during the term of the Agreement, such insurance, including Commercial General Liability Insurance, Business Automobile Liability Insurance, Workers' Compensation Insurance, Employer's Liability Insurance, and Professional Liability Insurance, as stated below. Such policy or policies shall be issued by companies authorized to transact business and issue insurance policies in the State of Florida and having agents upon whom service of process may be made in the State of Florida.

A. The Commercial General Liability insurance policy shall name the City of Fort Lauderdale, a Florida municipality, as additional insured. BINDERS ARE UNACCEPTABLE. The insurance coverage required shall include those classifications, as listed in standard

liability insurance manuals, which most nearly reflect the operations of the CONSULTANT. Any exclusions or provisions in the insurance maintained by the CONSULTANT that precludes coverage for the work contemplated in this Agreement shall be deemed unacceptable, and shall be considered a breach of contract.

- B. The CONSULTANT shall provide the CITY an original Certificate of Insurance for policies required by Article 11. All certificates shall state that the CITY shall be given thirty (30) days notice prior to expiration or cancellation of the policy. The insurance provided shall be endorsed or amended to comply with this notice requirement. In the event that the insurer is unable to accommodate, it shall be the responsibility of the CONSULTANT to provide the proper notice. Such notification will be in writing by registered mail, return receipt requested and addressed to the Finance Department. Such policies shall: (1) name the insurance company or companies affording coverage acceptable to the CITY, (2) state the effective and expiration dates of the policies, (3) include special endorsements where necessary. Such policies provided under Article 11 shall not be affected by any other policy of insurance, which the CITY may carry in its own name.
- C. CONSULTANT shall as a condition precedent of this Agreement, furnish to the City of Fort Lauderdale, c/o Project Manager, 100 N. Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301, Certificate(s) of Insurance upon execution of this Agreement, which indicate that insurance coverage has been obtained which meets the requirements as outlined below:

#### COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY

- A. Limits of Liability:
- |   |             |
|---|-------------|
| Bodily Injury and Property Damage Liability |             |
| Combined Single Limit                       |             |
| Each Occurrence                             | \$1,000,000 |
| General Aggregate Limit                     | \$2,000,000 |
| Personal Injury                             | \$1,000,000 |
| Products/Completed Operations               | \$1,000,000 |
- B. Endorsements Required:
- City of Fort Lauderdale included as an Additional Insured
  - Employees included as insured
  - Broad Form Contractual Liability
  - Waiver of Subrogation
  - Premises/Operations
  - Products/Completed Operations
  - Independent Contractors

#### AUTOMOBILE BUSINESS

- A. Limits of Liability:
- |  |             |
|--|-------------|
| Bodily Injury and Property Damage Liability  |             |
| Combined Single Limit                        | \$1,000,000 |
| Any Auto                                     |             |
| Including Hired, Borrowed or Non-Owned Autos |             |

- B. Endorsements Required:  
Waiver of Subrogation

#### WORKERS' COMPENSATION

Limits of Liability:

Statutory-State of Florida

#### PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY/ERRORS AND OMISSIONS COVERAGE

|  |             |
|--|-------------|
| Combined Single Limit  |             |
| Each Occurrence  | \$1,000,000 |
| General Aggregate Limit  | \$2,000,000 |
| Deductible not to exceed 10%   |             |
| Must be in effect for at least five (5) years after Project completion |             |

- 11.11.3 All insurance policies required above shall be issued by companies authorized to transact business and issue insurance policies under the laws of the State of Florida, with the following qualifications:

The Consultant's insurance must be provided by an A.M. Best's "A-" rated or better insurance company authorized to issue insurance policies in the State of Florida, subject to approval by the City's Risk Manager. Any exclusions or provisions in the insurance maintained by the Consultant that precludes coverage for work contemplated in this project shall be deemed unacceptable, and shall be considered breach of contract.

Compliance with the foregoing requirements shall not relieve the CONSULTANT of their liability and obligation under this section or under any other section of this Agreement.

The CONSULTANT shall be responsible for assuring that the insurance certificates required in conjunction with this Section remain in force for the duration of the Project. If insurance certificates are scheduled to expire during the contractual period, the CONSULTANT shall be responsible for submitting new or renewed insurance certificates to the CITY at a minimum of thirty (30) calendar days in advance of such expiration. In the event that expired certificates are not replaced with new or renewed certificates that cover the contractual period, the CITY shall:

- A. Suspend the Agreement until such time as the new or renewed certificates are received by the CITY.
- B. The CITY may, at its sole discretion, terminate the Agreement for cause and seek damages from the CONSULTANT in conjunction with the violation of the terms and conditions of the Agreement.

#### 11.12 REPRESENTATIVE OF CITY AND CONSULTANT

- 11.12.1 The parties recognize that questions in the day-to-day conduct of the Project will arise. The Contract Administrator, upon CONSULTANT's request, shall advise CONSULTANT in writing of one (1) or more CITY employees to whom all communications pertaining to the day-to-day conduct of the Project shall be addressed.

11.12.2 CONSULTANT shall inform the Contract Administrator in writing of CONSULTANT's representative to whom matters involving the conduct of the Project shall be addressed.

#### 11.13 ALL PRIOR AGREEMENTS SUPERSEDED

This document incorporates and includes all prior negotiations, correspondence, conversations, agreements or understandings applicable to the matters contained herein; and the parties agree that there are no commitments, agreements or understandings concerning the subject matter of this Agreement that are not contained in this document. Accordingly, the parties agree that no deviation from the terms hereof shall be predicated upon any prior representations or agreements whether oral or written.

It is further agreed that no modification, amendment or alteration in the terms or conditions contained herein shall be effective unless contained in a written document executed with the same formality and of equal dignity herewith.

#### 11.14 CONSULTANT'S STAFF

CONSULTANT will provide the key staff identified in their proposal for the Project as long as said key staff are in CONSULTANT's employment.

CONSULTANT will obtain prior written approval of Contract Administrator to change key staff. CONSULTANT shall provide Contract Administrator with such information as necessary to determine the suitability of any proposed new key staff. Contract Administrator will be reasonable in evaluating key staff qualifications.

If Contract Administrator desires to request removal of any of CONSULTANT's staff, Contract Administrator shall first meet with CONSULTANT and provide reasonable justification for said removal.

#### 11.15 INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

CONSULTANT is an independent contractor under this Agreement. Services provided by CONSULTANT shall be subject to the supervision of CONSULTANT. In providing the services, CONSULTANT or its agents shall not be acting and shall not be deemed as acting as officers, employees, or agents of the CITY. Personnel policies, tax responsibilities, social security and health insurance, employee benefits, purchasing policies and other similar administrative procedures applicable to services rendered under this Agreement shall be those of CONSULTANT. The parties expressly acknowledge that it is not their intent to create any rights or obligations in any third person or entity under this Agreement.

#### 11.16 THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARIES

Neither CONSULTANT nor CITY intends to directly or substantially benefit a third party by this Agreement. Therefore, the parties agree that there are no third party beneficiaries to this Agreement and that no third party shall be entitled to assert a claim against either of them based upon this Agreement.

#### 11.17 CONFLICTS

Neither CONSULTANT nor its employees shall have or hold any continuing or frequently recurring employment or contractual relationship that is substantially antagonistic or incompatible with CONSULTANT's loyal and conscientious exercise of judgment related to its performance under this Agreement.

CONSULTANT agrees that none of its officers or employees shall, during the term of this Agreement, serve as expert witness against CITY in any legal or administrative proceeding in which he or she is not a party, unless compelled by court process, nor shall such persons give sworn testimony or issue a report or writing, as an expression of his or her expert opinion, which is adverse or prejudicial to the interests of CITY or in connection with any such pending or threatened legal or administrative proceeding. The limitations of this Section shall not preclude such persons from representing themselves in any action or in any administrative or legal proceeding.

In the event CONSULTANT is permitted to utilize subconsultants to perform any services required by this Agreement, CONSULTANT agrees to prohibit such subconsultants, by written contract, from having any conflicts as within the meaning of this Section.

#### 11.18 CONTINGENCY FEE

CONSULTANT warrants that it has not employed or retained any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for CONSULTANT, to solicit or secure this Agreement and that it has not paid or agreed to pay any person, company, corporation, individual or firm, other than a bona fide employee working solely for CONSULTANT, any fee, commission, percentage, gift, or other consideration contingent upon or resulting from the award or making of this Agreement. For a breach or violation of this provision the CITY shall have the right to terminate this Agreement without liability at its discretion, or to deduct from the Agreement price or otherwise recover the full amount of such fee, commission, percentage, gift or consideration.

#### 11.19 WAIVER OF BREACH AND MATERIALITY

Failure by CITY to enforce any provision of this Agreement shall not be deemed a waiver of such provision or modification of this Agreement.

CITY and CONSULTANT agree that each requirement, duty, and obligation set forth herein is substantial and important to the formation of this Agreement and, therefore, is a material term hereof.

#### 11.20 COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS

CONSULTANT shall comply with all federal, state, and local laws, codes, ordinances, rules, and regulations in performing its duties, responsibilities, and obligations related to this Agreement.

#### 11.21 SEVERANCE

In the event this Agreement or a portion of this Agreement is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the remaining provisions shall continue to be effective unless CITY or CONSULTANT elects to terminate this Agreement. The election to terminate this Agreement



based upon this provision shall be made within seven (7) days after the findings by the court become final.

#### 11.22 JOINT PREPARATION

Preparation of this Agreement has been a joint effort of CITY and CONSULTANT and the resulting document shall not, solely as a matter of judicial construction, be construed more severely against one of the parties than any other.

#### 11.23 PRIORITY OF PROVISIONS

If there is a conflict or inconsistency between any term, statement, requirement, or provision of any exhibit attached hereto, any document or events referred to herein, or any document incorporated into this Agreement by reference and a term, statement, requirement, or provision of this Agreement, the term, statement, requirement, or provision contained in Articles 1-11 of this Agreement shall prevail and be given effect.

#### 11.24 APPLICABLE LAW AND VENUE

This Agreement shall be construed in accordance with and governed by the laws of the State of Florida. Venue for any lawsuit by either party against the other party or otherwise arising out of this Agreement and for any other legal proceeding shall be in Broward County, Florida, or in the event of federal jurisdiction, in the Southern District of Florida. . BY ENTERING INTO THIS AGREEMENT, CONSULTANT AND CITY EXPRESSLY WAIVE ANY RIGHTS EITHER PARTY MAY HAVE TO A TRIAL BY JURY OF ANY CIVIL LITIGATION RELATED TO, OR ARISING OUT OF, THIS AGREEMENT.

#### 11.25 EXHIBITS

Each Exhibit referred to in this Agreement forms an essential part of this Agreement. The Exhibits, if not physically attached, should be treated as part of this Agreement, and are incorporated herein by reference.

#### 11.26 THREE ORIGINAL AGREEMENTS

This Agreement shall be executed in three (3), signed Agreements, with each one treated as an original.

#### 11.27 NOTICES

Whenever either party desires to give notice unto the other, it must be given by written notice, sent by certified United States mail, with return receipt requested, addressed to the party for whom it is intended, at the place last specified, and the place for giving of notice in compliance with the provisions of this paragraph. For the present, the parties designate the following as the respective places for giving of notice, to-wit:

CITY:                      City Engineer  
                                City of Fort Lauderdale  
                                100 North Andrews Avenue  
                                Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301  
                                Telephone: (954) 828-5772

With a copy to: City Manager  
City of Fort Lauderdale  
100 North Andrews Avenue  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301  
Telephone: (954) 828-5364

City Attorney  
City of Fort Lauderdale  
100 North Andrews Avenue  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301  
Telephone : (954) 828-5037

CONSULTANT: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

#### 11.28 ATTORNEY FEES

If CITY or CONSULTANT incurs any expense in enforcing the terms of this Agreement through litigation, the prevailing party in that litigation shall be reimbursed for all such costs and expenses, including but not limited to court costs, and reasonable attorney fees incurred during litigation.

#### 11.29 PERMITS, LICENSES AND TAXES

CONSULTANT shall, at its own expense, obtain all necessary permits and licenses, pay all applicable fees, and pay all applicable sales, consumer, use and other taxes required to comply with local ordinances, state and federal law. CONSULTANT is responsible for reviewing the pertinent state statutes regarding state taxes and for complying with all requirements therein. Any change in tax laws after the execution of this Agreement will be subject to further negotiation and CONSULTANT shall be responsible for complying with all state tax requirements.

#### 11.30 TRUTH-IN-NEGOTIATION CERTIFICATE

Signature of this Agreement by CONSULTANT shall act as the execution of a Truth-in-Negotiation Certificate stating that wage rates and other factual unit costs supporting the compensation of this Agreement are accurate, complete, and current at the time of contracting. The original contract price and any additions thereto shall be adjusted to exclude any significant sums, by which the CITY determines that contract price was increased due to inaccurate, incomplete, or non-current wage rates and other factual unit costs. All such contract adjustments must be made within 1 year following the end of the contract.

#### 11.31 EVALUATION

The CITY maintains the right to periodically review the performance of the CONSULTANT. This review will take into account the timely execution of Task Orders, the quality of the work performed, the cost to the CITY and the good faith efforts made by the CONSULTANT to maintain MBE/WBE participation in CITY projects. Any deficiencies in performance will be described in writing and an opportunity afforded, where practicable, for the CONSULTANT to address and/or remedy such deficiencies.

## 11.32 STATUTORY COMPLIANCE

CONSULTANT shall prepare all documents and other materials for the Project in accordance with all applicable rules, laws, ordinances and governmental regulations of the State of Florida, Broward County, the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida and all governmental agencies having jurisdiction over the services to be provided by CONSULTANT under this Agreement or over any aspect or phase of the Project.

## 11.33 SCRUTINIZED COMPANIES

Subject to *Odebrecht Construction, Inc., v. Prasad*, 876 F.Supp.2d 1305 (S.D. Fla. 2012), affirmed, *Odebrecht Construction, Inc., v. Secretary, Florida Department of Transportation*, 715 F.3d 1268 (11th Cir. 2013), this Section applies to any contract for goods or services of \$1 million or more:

The CONSULTANT certifies that it is not on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List and that it does not have business operations in Cuba or Syria as provided in section 287.135, Florida Statutes (2013), as may be amended or revised. The CITY may terminate this Contract at the CITY's option if the CONSULTANT is found to have submitted a false certification as provided under subsection (5) of section 287.135, Florida Statutes (2013), as may be amended or revised, or been placed on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List or has been engaged in business operations in Cuba or Syria, as defined in Section 287.135, Florida Statutes (2013), as may be amended or revised.

IN WITNESS OF THE FOREGOING, the parties have set their hands and seals the day and year first written above.

CITY

CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, a municipal  
corporation of the State of Florida

By \_\_\_\_\_  
LEE R. FELDMAN, City Manager

(CORPORATE SEAL)

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
JONDA K. JOSEPH  
City Clerk

Approved as to form:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Rhonda Montoya Hasan  
Assistant City Attorney

## CONSULTANT

WITNESSES:

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Witness print name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Witness print name)

(CORPORATE SEAL)

STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_:  
 COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_:

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, by  
 \_\_\_\_\_ as \_\_\_\_\_, of \_\_\_\_\_. They  
 are ☐ personally known to me or ☐ have produced \_\_\_\_\_ as identification.

(SEAL)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Notary Public, State of  
 (Signature of Notary taking Acknowledgment)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Name of Notary Typed, Printed or Stamped

My Commission Expires:

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Commission Number

## EXHIBIT "A"

## SCOPE OF SERVICES

The CONSULTANT shall perform the following professional services related to a contract for \_\_\_\_\_ consultant services and shall include, but not be limited to, the following services as authorized by individual Task Orders for individual projects.

DRAFT

EXHIBIT "B"

HOURLY BILLING RATES FOR TASK ORDERS

DRAFT

**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE  
GENERAL CONDITIONS**

These instructions are standard for all contracts for commodities or services issued through the City of Fort Lauderdale Procurement Services Division. The City may delete, supersede, or modify any of these standard instructions for a particular contract by indicating such change in the Invitation to Bid (ITB) Special Conditions, Technical Specifications, Instructions, Proposal Pages, Addenda, and Legal Advertisement. In this general conditions document, Invitation to Bid (ITB) and Request for Proposal (RFP) are interchangeable.

**PART I BIDDER PROPOSAL PAGE(S) CONDITIONS:**

- 1.01 BIDDER ADDRESS:** The City maintains automated vendor address lists that have been generated for each specific Commodity Class item through our bid issuing service, BidSync. Notices of Invitations to Bid (ITB'S) are sent by e-mail to the selection of bidders who have fully registered with BidSync or faxed (if applicable) to every vendor on those lists, who may then view the bid documents online. Bidders who have been informed of a bid's availability in any other manner are responsible for registering with BidSync in order to view the bid documents. There is no fee for doing so. If you wish bid notifications be provided to another e-mail address or fax, please contact BidSync. If you wish purchase orders sent to a different address, please so indicate in your bid response. If you wish payments sent to a different address, please so indicate on your invoice.
- 1.02 DELIVERY:** Time will be of the essence for any orders placed as a result of this ITB. The City reserves the right to cancel any orders, or part thereof, without obligation if delivery is not made in accordance with the schedule specified by the Bidder and accepted by the City.
- 1.03 PACKING SLIPS:** It will be the responsibility of the awarded Contractor, to attach all packing slips to the OUTSIDE of each shipment. Packing slips must provide a detailed description of what is to be received and reference the City of Fort Lauderdale purchase order number that is associated with the shipment. Failure to provide a detailed packing slip attached to the outside of shipment may result in refusal of shipment at Contractor's expense.
- 1.04 PAYMENT TERMS AND CASH DISCOUNTS:** Payment terms, unless otherwise stated in this ITB, will be considered to be net 45 days after the date of satisfactory delivery at the place of acceptance and receipt of correct invoice at the office specified, whichever occurs last. Bidder may offer cash discounts for prompt payment but they will not be considered in determination of award. If a Bidder offers a discount, it is understood that the discount time will be computed from the date of satisfactory delivery, at the place of acceptance, and receipt of correct invoice, at the office specified, whichever occurs last.
- 1.05 TOTAL BID DISCOUNT:** If Bidder offers a discount for award of all items listed in the bid, such discount shall be deducted from the total of the firm net unit prices bid and shall be considered in tabulation and award of bid.
- 1.06 BIDS FIRM FOR ACCEPTANCE:** Bidder warrants, by virtue of bidding, that the bid and the prices quoted in the bid will be firm for acceptance by the City for a period of one hundred twenty (120) days from the date of bid opening unless otherwise stated in the ITB.
- 1.07 VARIANCES:** For purposes of bid evaluation, Bidder's must indicate any variances, no matter how slight, from ITB General Conditions, Special Conditions, Specifications or Addenda in the space provided in the ITB. No variations or exceptions by a Bidder will be considered or deemed a part of the bid submitted unless such variances or exceptions are listed in the bid and referenced in the space provided on the bidder proposal pages. If variances are not stated, or referenced as required, it will be assumed that the product or service fully complies with the City's terms, conditions, and specifications.
- By receiving a bid, City does not necessarily accept any variances contained in the bid. All variances submitted are subject to review and approval by the City. If any bid contains material variances that, in the City's sole opinion, make that bid conditional in nature, the City reserves the right to reject the bid or part of the bid that is declared, by the City as conditional.
- 1.08 NO BIDS:** If you do not intend to bid please indicate the reason, such as insufficient time to respond, do not offer product or service, unable to meet specifications, schedule would not permit, or any other reason, in the space provided in this ITB. Failure to bid or return no bid comments prior to the bid due and opening date and time, indicated in this ITB, may result in your firm being deleted from our Bidder's registration list for the Commodity Class Item requested in this ITB.
- 1.09 MINORITY AND WOMEN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PARTICIPATION AND BUSINESS DEFINITIONS:** The City of Fort Lauderdale wants to increase the participation of Minority Business Enterprises (MBE), Women Business Enterprises (WBE), and Small Business Enterprises (SBE) in its procurement activities. If your firm qualifies in accordance with the below definitions please indicate in the space provided in this ITB.

Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) "A Minority Business" is a business enterprise that is owned or controlled by one or more socially or economically disadvantaged persons. Such disadvantage may arise from cultural, racial, chronic economic circumstances or background or other similar cause. Such persons include, but are not limited to: Blacks, Hispanics, Asian Americans, and Native Americans.

The term "Minority Business Enterprise" means a business at least 51 percent of which is owned by minority group members or, in the case of a publicly owned business, at least 51 percent of the stock of which is owned by minority group members. For the purpose of the preceding sentence, minority group members are citizens of the United States who include, but are not limited to: Blacks, Hispanics, Asian Americans, and Native Americans.

Women Business Enterprise (WBE) a "Women Owned or Controlled Business" is a business enterprise at least 51 percent of which is owned by females or, in the case of a publicly owned business, at least 51 percent of the stock of which is owned by females.

Small Business Enterprise (SBE) "Small Business" means a corporation, partnership, sole proprietorship, or other legal entity formed for the purpose of making a profit, which is independently owned and operated, has either fewer than 100 employees or less than \$1,000,000 in annual gross receipts.

BLACK, which includes persons having origins in any of the Black racial groups of Africa.

WHITE, which includes persons whose origins are Anglo-Saxon and Europeans and persons of Indo-European decent including Pakistani and East Indian.

HISPANIC, which includes persons of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central and South American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race.

NATIVE AMERICAN, which includes persons whose origins are American Indians, Eskimos, Aleuts, or Native Hawaiians.

ASIAN AMERICAN, which includes persons having origin in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, the Indian subcontinent, or the Pacific Islands.

#### **1.10 MINORITY-WOMEN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PARTICIPATION**

It is the desire of the City of Fort Lauderdale to increase the participation of minority (MBE) and women-owned (WBE) businesses in its contracting and procurement programs. While the City does not have any preference or set aside programs in place, it is committed to a policy of equitable participation for these firms. Proposers are requested to include in their proposals a narrative describing their past accomplishments and intended actions in this area. If proposers are considering minority or women owned enterprise participation in their proposal, those firms, and their specific duties have to be identified in the proposal. If a proposer is considered for award, he or she will be asked to meet with City staff so that the intended MBE/WBE participation can be formalized and included in the subsequent contract.

#### **1.11 SCRUTINIZED COMPANIES**

This Section applies to any contract for goods or services of \$1 million or more:

The Contractor certifies that it is not on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List and that it does not have business operations in Cuba or Syria as provided in section 287.135, Florida Statutes (2011), as may be amended or revised. The City may terminate this Contract at the City's option if the Contractor is found to have submitted a false certification as provided under subsection (5) of section 287.135, Florida Statutes (2011), as may be amended or revised, or been placed on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List or has engaged in business operations in Cuba or Syria, as defined in Section 287.135, Florida Statutes (2011), as may be amended or revised.

#### **1.12 DEBARRED OR SUSPENDED BIDDERS OR PROPOSERS**

The bidder or proposer certifies, by submission of a response to this solicitation, that neither it nor its principals and subcontractors are presently debarred or suspended by any Federal department or agency.

### **PART II DEFINITIONS/ORDER OF PRECEDENCE:**

#### **2.01 BIDDING DEFINITIONS** The City will use the following definitions in its general conditions, special conditions, technical specifications, instructions to bidders, addenda and any other document used in the bidding process:

INVITATION TO BID (ITB) when the City is requesting bids from qualified Bidders.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) when the City is requesting proposals from qualified Proposers.

BID – a price and terms quote received in response to an ITB.

PROPOSAL – a proposal received in response to an RFP.

BIDDER – Person or firm submitting a Bid.

PROPOSER – Person or firm submitting a Proposal.

RESPONSIVE BIDDER – A person whose bid conforms in all material respects to the terms and conditions included in the ITB.

RESPONSIBLE BIDDER – A person who has the capability in all respects to perform in full the contract requirements, as stated in the ITB, and the integrity and reliability that will assure good faith performance.

FIRST RANKED PROPOSER – That Proposer, responding to a City RFP, whose Proposal is deemed by the City, the most advantageous to the City after applying the evaluation criteria contained in the RFP.

SELLER – Successful Bidder or Proposer who is awarded a Purchase Order or Contract to provide goods or services to the City.

CONTRACTOR – Successful Bidder or Proposer who is awarded a Purchase Order, award Contract, Blanket Purchase Order agreement, or Term Contract to provide goods or services to the City.

CONTRACT – A deliberate verbal or written agreement between two or more competent parties to perform or not to perform a certain act or acts, including all types of agreements, regardless of what they may be called, for the procurement or disposal of equipment, materials, supplies, services or construction.

CONSULTANT – Successful Bidder or Proposer who is awarded a contract to provide professional services to the City.

The following terms may be used interchangeably by the City: ITB and/or RFP; Bid or Proposal; Bidder, Proposer, or Seller; Contractor or Consultant; Contract, Award, Agreement or Purchase Order.

#### **2.02 SPECIAL CONDITIONS:** Any and all Special Conditions contained in this ITB that may be in variance or conflict with these General Conditions shall have precedence over these General Conditions. If no changes or deletions to General Conditions are made in the Special Conditions, then the General Conditions shall prevail in their entirety,

### **PART III BIDDING AND AWARD PROCEDURES:**

#### **3.01 SUBMISSION AND RECEIPT OF BIDS:** To receive consideration, bids must be received prior to the bid opening date and time. Unless otherwise specified, Bidders should use the proposal forms provided by the City. These forms may be duplicated, but failure to use the forms may cause the bid to be rejected. Any erasures or corrections on the bid must be made in ink and initialed by Bidder in ink. All information submitted by the Bidder shall be printed, typewritten or filled in with pen and ink. Bids shall be signed in ink. Separate bids must be submitted for each ITB issued by the City in separate sealed envelopes properly marked. When a particular ITB or RFP requires multiple copies of bids or proposals they may be included in a single envelope or package properly sealed and identified. Only send bids via facsimile transmission (FAX) if the ITB specifically states that bids sent via FAX will be considered. If such a statement is not included in the ITB, bids sent via FAX will be rejected. Bids will be publicly opened in the Procurement Office, or other designated area, in the presence of Bidders, the public, and City staff. Bidders and the public are invited and encouraged to attend bid openings. Bids will be tabulated and made available for review by Bidder's and the public in accordance with applicable regulations.

#### **3.02 MODEL NUMBER CORRECTIONS:** If the model number for the make specified in this ITB is incorrect, or no longer available and replaced with an updated model with new specifications, the Bidder shall enter the correct model number on the bidder proposal page. In the case of an updated model with new specifications, Bidder shall provide adequate information to allow the City to determine if the model bid meets the City's requirements.

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- 3.03 PRICES QUOTED:** Deduct trade discounts, and quote firm net prices. Give both unit price and extended total. In the case of a discrepancy in computing the amount of the bid, the unit price quoted will govern. All prices quoted shall be F.O.B. destination, freight prepaid (Bidder pays and bears freight charges, Bidder owns goods in transit and files any claims), unless otherwise stated in Special Conditions. Each item must be bid separately. No attempt shall be made to tie any item or items contained in the ITB with any other business with the City.
- 3.04 TAXES:** The City of Fort Lauderdale is exempt from Federal Excise and Florida Sales taxes on direct purchase of tangible property. Exemption number for EIN is 59-6000319, and State Sales tax exemption number is 85-8013875578C-1.
- 3.05 WARRANTIES OF USAGE:** Any quantities listed in this ITB as estimated or projected are provided for tabulation and information purposes only. No warranty or guarantee of quantities is given or implied. It is understood that the Contractor will furnish the City's needs as they arise.
- 3.06 APPROVED EQUAL:** When the technical specifications call for a brand name, manufacturer, make, model, or vendor catalog number with acceptance of APPROVED EQUAL, it shall be for the purpose of establishing a level of quality and features desired and acceptable to the City. In such cases, the City will be receptive to any unit that would be considered by qualified City personnel as an approved equal. In that the specified make and model represent a level of quality and features desired by the City, the Bidder must state clearly in the bid any variance from those specifications. It is the Bidder's responsibility to provide adequate information, in the bid, to enable the City to ensure that the bid meets the required criteria. If adequate information is not submitted with the bid, it may be rejected. The City will be the sole judge in determining if the item bid qualifies as an approved equal.
- 3.07 MINIMUM AND MANDATORY TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS:** The technical specifications may include items that are considered minimum, mandatory, or required. If any Bidder is unable to meet or exceed these items, and feels that the technical specifications are overly restrictive, the bidder must notify the Procurement Services Division immediately. Such notification must be received by the Procurement Services Division prior to the deadline contained in the ITB, for questions of a material nature, or prior to five (5) days before bid due and open date, whichever occurs first. If no such notification is received prior to that deadline, the City will consider the technical specifications to be acceptable to all bidders.
- 3.08 MISTAKES:** Bidders are cautioned to examine all terms, conditions, specifications, drawings, exhibits, addenda, delivery instructions and special conditions pertaining to the ITB. Failure of the Bidder to examine all pertinent documents shall not entitle the bidder to any relief from the conditions imposed in the contract.
- 3.09 SAMPLES AND DEMONSTRATIONS:** Samples or inspection of product may be requested to determine suitability. Unless otherwise specified in Special Conditions, samples shall be requested after the date of bid opening, and if requested should be received by the City within seven (7) working days of request. Samples, when requested, must be furnished free of expense to the City and if not used in testing or destroyed, will upon request of the Bidder, be returned within thirty (30) days of bid award at Bidder's expense. When required, the City may request full demonstrations of units prior to award. When such demonstrations are requested, the Bidder shall respond promptly and arrange a demonstration at a convenient location. Failure to provide samples or demonstrations as specified by the City may result in rejection of a bid.
- 3.10 LIFE CYCLE COSTING:** If so specified in the ITB, the City may elect to evaluate equipment proposed on the basis of total cost of ownership. In using Life Cycle Costing, factors such as the following may be considered: estimated useful life, maintenance costs, cost of supplies, labor intensity, energy usage, environmental impact, and residual value. The City reserves the right to use those or other applicable criteria, in its sole opinion that will most accurately estimate total cost of use and ownership.
- 3.11 BIDDING ITEMS WITH RECYCLED CONTENT:** In addressing environmental concerns, the City of Fort Lauderdale encourages Bidders to submit bids or alternate bids containing items with recycled content. When submitting bids containing items with recycled content, Bidder shall provide documentation adequate for the City to verify the recycled content. The City prefers packaging consisting of materials that are degradable or able to be recycled. When specifically stated in the ITB, the City may give preference to bids containing items manufactured with recycled material or packaging that is able to be recycled.
- 3.12 USE OF OTHER GOVERNMENTAL CONTRACTS:** The City reserves the right to reject any part or all of any bids received and utilize other available governmental contracts, if such action is in its best interest.
- 3.13 QUALIFICATIONS/INSPECTION:** Bids will only be considered from firms normally engaged in providing the types of commodities/services specified herein. The City reserves the right to inspect the Bidder's facilities, equipment, personnel, and organization at any time, or to take any other action necessary to determine Bidder's ability to perform. The Procurement Director reserves the right to reject bids where evidence or evaluation is determined to indicate inability to perform.
- 3.14 BID SURETY:** If Special Conditions require a bid security, it shall be submitted in the amount stated. A bid security can be in the form of a bid bond or cashiers check. Bid security will be returned to the unsuccessful bidders as soon as practicable after opening of bids. Bid security will be returned to the successful bidder after acceptance of the performance bond, if required; acceptance of insurance coverage, if required; and full execution of contract documents, if required; or conditions as stated in Special Conditions.
- 3.15 PUBLIC RECORDS/TRADE SECRETS/COPYRIGHT:** The Proposer's response to the RFP is a public record pursuant to Florida law, which is subject to disclosure by the City under the State of Florida Public Records Law, Florida Statutes Chapter 119.07 ("Public Records Law"). The City shall permit public access to all documents, papers, letters or other material submitted in connection with this RFP and the Contract to be executed for this RFP, subject to the provisions of Chapter 119.07 of the Florida Statutes.

Any language contained in the Proposer's response to the RFP purporting to require confidentiality of any portion of the Proposer's response to the RFP, except to the extent that certain information is in the City's opinion a Trade Secret pursuant to Florida law, shall be void. If a Proposer submits any documents or other information to the City which the Proposer claims is Trade Secret information and exempt from Florida Statutes Chapter 119.07 ("Public Records Laws"), the Proposer shall clearly designate that it is a Trade Secret and that it is asserting that the document or information is exempt. The Proposer must specifically identify the exemption being claimed under Florida Statutes 119.07. The City shall be the final arbiter of whether any information contained in the Proposer's response to the RFP constitutes a Trade Secret. The city's determination of whether an exemption applies shall be final, and the proposer agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold

harmless the city and the city's officers, employees, and agent, against any loss or damages incurred by any person or entity as a result of the city's treatment of records as public records. Proposals purporting to be subject to copyright protection in full or in part will be rejected.

EXCEPT FOR CLEARLY MARKED PORTIONS THAT ARE BONA FIDE TRADE SECRETS PURSUANT TO FLORIDA LAW, DO NOT MARK YOUR RESPONSE TO THE RFP AS PROPRIETARY OR CONFIDENTIAL. DO NOT MARK YOUR RESPONSE TO THE RFP OR ANY PART THEREOF AS COPYRIGHTED.

**3.16 PROHIBITION OF INTEREST:** No contract will be awarded to a bidding firm who has City elected officials, officers or employees affiliated with it, unless the bidding firm has fully complied with current Florida State Statutes and City Ordinances relating to this issue. Bidders must disclose any such affiliation. Failure to disclose any such affiliation will result in disqualification of the Bidder and removal of the Bidder from the City's bidder lists and prohibition from engaging in any business with the City.

**3.17 RESERVATIONS FOR AWARD AND REJECTION OF BIDS:** The City reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, part of bids, and to waive minor irregularities or variations to specifications contained in bids, and minor irregularities in the bidding process. The City also reserves the right to award the contract on a split order basis, lump sum basis, individual item basis, or such combination as shall best serve the interest of the City. The City reserves the right to make an award to the responsive and responsible bidder whose product or service meets the terms, conditions, and specifications of the ITB and whose bid is considered to best serve the City's interest. In determining the responsiveness of the offer and the responsibility of the Bidder, the following shall be considered when applicable: the ability, capacity and skill of the Bidder to perform as required; whether the Bidder can perform promptly, or within the time specified, without delay or interference; the character, integrity, reputation, judgment, experience and efficiency of the Bidder; the quality of past performance by the Bidder; the previous and existing compliance by the Bidder with related laws and ordinances; the sufficiency of the Bidder's financial resources; the availability, quality and adaptability of the Bidder's supplies or services to the required use; the ability of the Bidder to provide future maintenance, service or parts; the number and scope of conditions attached to the bid.

If the ITB provides for a contract trial period, the City reserves the right, in the event the selected bidder does not perform satisfactorily, to award a trial period to the next ranked bidder or to award a contract to the next ranked bidder, if that bidder has successfully provided services to the City in the past. This procedure to continue until a bidder is selected or the contract is re-bid, at the sole option of the City.

**3.18 LEGAL REQUIREMENTS:** Applicable provisions of all federal, state, county laws, and local ordinances, rules and regulations, shall govern development, submittal and evaluation of all bids received in response hereto and shall govern any and all claims and disputes which may arise between person(s) submitting a bid response hereto and the City by and through its officers, employees and authorized representatives, or any other person, natural or otherwise; and lack of knowledge by any bidder shall not constitute a cognizable defense against the legal effect thereof.

**3.19 BID PROTEST PROCEDURE:** ANY PROPOSER OR BIDDER WHO IS NOT RECOMMENDED FOR AWARD OF A CONTRACT AND WHO ALLEGES A FAILURE BY THE CITY TO FOLLOW THE CITY'S PROCUREMENT ORDINANCE OR ANY APPLICABLE LAW MAY PROTEST TO THE DIRECTOR OF PROCUREMENT SERVICES DIVISION (DIRECTOR), BY DELIVERING A LETTER OF PROTEST TO THE DIRECTOR WITHIN FIVE (5) DAYS AFTER A NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD IS POSTED ON THE CITY'S WEB SITE AT THE FOLLOWING LINK: [http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/purchasing/notices\\_of\\_intent.htm](http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/purchasing/notices_of_intent.htm)

THE COMPLETE PROTEST ORDINANCE MAY BE FOUND ON THE CITY'S WEB SITE AT THE FOLLOWING LINK: <http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/purchasing/protestordinance.pdf>

#### **PART IV BONDS AND INSURANCE**

**4.01 PERFORMANCE BOND:** If a performance bond is required in Special Conditions, the Contractor shall within fifteen (15) working days after notification of award, furnish to the City a Performance Bond, payable to the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, in the face amount specified in Special Conditions as surety for faithful performance under the terms and conditions of the contract. If the bond is on an annual coverage basis, renewal for each succeeding year shall be submitted to the City thirty (30) days prior to the termination date of the existing Performance Bond. The Performance Bond must be executed by a surety company of recognized standing, authorized to do business in the State of Florida and having a resident agent.

Acknowledgement and agreement is given by both parties that the amount herein set for the Performance Bond is not intended to be nor shall be deemed to be in the nature of liquidated damages nor is it intended to limit the liability of the Contractor to the City in the event of a material breach of this Agreement by the Contractor.

**4.02 INSURANCE:** If the Contractor is required to go on to City property to perform work or services as a result of ITB award, the Contractor shall assume full responsibility and expense to obtain all necessary insurance as required by City or specified in Special Conditions.

The Contractor shall provide to the Procurement Services Division original certificates of coverage and receive notification of approval of those certificates by the City's Risk Manager prior to engaging in any activities under this contract. The Contractor's insurance is subject to the approval of the City's Risk Manager. The certificates must list the City as an ADDITIONAL INSURED for General Liability Insurance, and shall have no less than thirty (30) days written notice of cancellation or material change. Further modification of the insurance requirements may be made at the sole discretion of the City's Risk Manager if circumstances change or adequate protection of the City is not presented. Bidder, by submitting the bid, agrees to abide by such modifications.

#### **PART V PURCHASE ORDER AND CONTRACT TERMS:**

**5.01 COMPLIANCE TO SPECIFICATIONS, LATE DELIVERIES/PENALTIES:** Items offered may be tested for compliance to bid specifications. Items delivered which do not conform to bid specifications may be rejected and returned at Contractor's expense. Any violation resulting in contract termination for cause or delivery of items not conforming to specifications, or late delivery may also result in:

- Bidders name being removed from the City's bidder's mailing list for a specified period and Bidder will not be recommended for any award during that period.
- All City Departments being advised to refrain from doing business with the Bidder.
- All other remedies in law or equity.

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- 5.02 ACCEPTANCE, CONDITION, AND PACKAGING:** The material delivered in response to ITB award shall remain the property of the Seller until a physical inspection is made and the material accepted to the satisfaction of the City. The material must comply fully with the terms of the ITB, be of the required quality, new, and the latest model. All containers shall be suitable for storage and shipment by common carrier, and all prices shall include standard commercial packaging. The City will not accept substitutes of any kind. Any substitutes or material not meeting specifications will be returned at the Bidder's expense. Payment will be made only after City receipt and acceptance of materials or services.
- 5.03 SAFETY STANDARDS:** All manufactured items and fabricated assemblies shall comply with applicable requirements of the Occupation Safety and Health Act of 1970 as amended, and be in compliance with Chapter 442, Florida Statutes. Any toxic substance listed in Section 38F-41.03 of the Florida Administrative Code delivered as a result of this order must be accompanied by a completed Safety Data Sheet (SDS).
- 5.04 ASBESTOS STATEMENT:** All material supplied must be 100% asbestos free. Bidder, by virtue of bidding, certifies that if awarded any portion of the ITB the bidder will supply only material or equipment that is 100% asbestos free.
- 5.05 OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES:** If the Bidder is awarded a contract as a result of this ITB, the bidder may, if the bidder has sufficient capacity or quantities available, provide to other governmental agencies, so requesting, the products or services awarded in accordance with the terms and conditions of the ITB and resulting contract. Prices shall be F.O.B. delivered to the requesting agency.
- 5.06 VERBAL INSTRUCTIONS PROCEDURE:** No negotiations, decisions, or actions shall be initiated or executed by the Contractor as a result of any discussions with any City employee. Only those communications which are in writing from an authorized City representative may be considered. Only written communications from Contractors, which are assigned by a person designated as authorized to bind the Contractor, will be recognized by the City as duly authorized expressions on behalf of Contractors.
- 5.07 INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR:** The Contractor is an independent contractor under this Agreement. Personal services provided by the Proposer shall be by employees of the Contractor and subject to supervision by the Contractor, and not as officers, employees, or agents of the City. Personnel policies, tax responsibilities, social security, health insurance, employee benefits, procurement policies unless otherwise stated in this ITB, and other similar administrative procedures applicable to services rendered under this contract shall be those of the Contractor.
- 5.08 INDEMNITY/HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT:** The Contractor agrees to protect, defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the City of Fort Lauderdale and its officers, employees and agents from and against any and all losses, penalties, damages, settlements, claims, costs, charges for other expenses, or liabilities of every and any kind including attorneys fees, in connection with or arising directly or indirectly out of the work agreed to or performed by Contractor under the terms of any agreement that may arise due to the bidding process. Without limiting the foregoing, any and all such claims, suits, or other actions relating to personal injury, death, damage to property, defects in materials or workmanship, actual or alleged violations of any applicable Statute, ordinance, administrative order, rule or regulation, or decree of any court shall be included in the indemnity hereunder.
- 5.09 TERMINATION FOR CAUSE:** If, through any cause, the Contractor shall fail to fulfill in a timely and proper manner its obligations under this Agreement, or if the Contractor shall violate any of the provisions of this Agreement, the City may upon written notice to the Contractor terminate the right of the Contractor to proceed under this Agreement, or with such part or parts of the Agreement as to which there has been default, and may hold the Contractor liable for any damages caused to the City by reason of such default and termination. In the event of such termination, any completed services performed by the Contractor under this Agreement shall, at the option of the City, become the City's property and the Contractor shall be entitled to receive equitable compensation for any work completed to the satisfaction of the City. The Contractor, however, shall not be relieved of liability to the City for damages sustained by the City by reason of any breach of the Agreement by the Contractor, and the City may withhold any payments to the Contractor for the purpose of setoff until such time as the amount of damages due to the City from the Contractor can be determined.
- 5.10 TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE:** The City reserves the right, in its best interest as determined by the City, to cancel contract by giving written notice to the Contractor thirty (30) days prior to the effective date of such cancellation.
- 5.11 CANCELLATION FOR UNAPPROPRIATED FUNDS:** The obligation of the City for payment to a Contractor is limited to the availability of funds appropriated in a current fiscal period, and continuation of the contract into a subsequent fiscal period is subject to appropriation of funds, unless otherwise authorized by law.
- 5.12 RECORDS/AUDIT:** The Contractor shall maintain during the term of the contract all books of account, reports and records in accordance with generally accepted accounting practices and standards for records directly related to this contract. The Contractor agrees to make available to the City Auditor or designee, during normal business hours and in Broward, Miami-Dade or Palm Beach Counties, all books of account, reports and records relating to this contract should be retained for the duration of the contract and for three years after the final payment under this Agreement, or until all pending audits, investigations or litigation matters relating to the contract are closed, whichever is later.
- 5.13 PERMITS, TAXES, LICENSES:** The successful Contractor shall, at their own expense, obtain all necessary permits, pay all licenses, fees and taxes, required to comply with all local ordinances, state and federal laws, rules and regulations applicable to business to be carried out under this contract.
- 5.14 LAWS/ORDINANCES:** The Contractor shall observe and comply with all Federal, state, local and municipal laws, ordinances rules and regulations that would apply to this contract.
- 5.15 NON-DISCRIMINATION:** There shall be no discrimination as to race, sex, color, creed, age or national origin in the operations conducted under this contract.
- 5.16 UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES:** If during a contract term where costs to the City are to remain firm or adjustments are restricted by a percentage or CPI cap, unusual circumstances that could not have been foreseen by either party of the contract occur, and those circumstances significantly affect the Contractor's cost in providing the required prior items or services, then the Contractor may request adjustments to the costs to the City to reflect the changed circumstances. The circumstances must be beyond the control of the Contractor, Form G-107 Rev. 05/14

and the requested adjustments must be fully documented. The City may, after examination, refuse to accept the adjusted costs if they are not properly documented, increases are considered to be excessive, or decreases are considered to be insufficient. In the event the City does not wish to accept the adjusted costs and the matter cannot be resolved to the satisfaction of the City, the City will reserve the following options:

1. The contract can be canceled by the City upon giving thirty (30) days written notice to the Contractor with no penalty to the City or Contractor. The Contractor shall fill all City requirements submitted to the Contractor until the termination date contained in the notice.
2. The City requires the Contractor to continue to provide the items and services at the firm fixed (non-adjusted) cost until the termination of the contract term then in effect.
3. If the City, in its interest and in its sole opinion, determines that the Contractor in a capricious manner attempted to use this section of the contract to relieve themselves of a legitimate obligation under the contract, and no unusual circumstances had occurred, the City reserves the right to take any and all action under law or equity. Such action shall include, but not be limited to, declaring the Contractor in default and disqualifying him for receiving any business from the City for a stated period of time.

If the City does agree to adjusted costs, these adjusted costs shall not be invoiced to the City until the Contractor receives notice in writing signed by a person authorized to bind the City in such matters.

- 5.17 ELIGIBILITY:** If applicable, the Contractor must first register with the Department of State of the State of Florida, in accordance with Florida State Statutes, prior to entering into a contract with the City.
- 5.18 PATENTS AND ROYALTIES:** The Contractor, without exception, shall indemnify and save harmless the City and its employees from liability of any nature and kind, including cost and expenses for or on account of any copyrighted, patented or un-patented invention, process, or article manufactured or used in the performance of the contract, including its use by the City. If the Contractor uses any design, device, or materials covered by letters, patent or copyright, it is mutually agreed and understood without exception that the bid prices shall include all royalties or costs arising from the use of such design, device, or materials in any way involved in the work.
- 5.19 ASSIGNMENT:** Contractor shall not transfer or assign the performance required by this ITB without the prior written consent of the City. Any award issued pursuant to this ITB, and the monies, which may become due hereunder, are not assignable except with the prior written approval of the City Commission or the City Manager or City Manager's designee, depending on original award approval.
- 5.20 LITIGATION VENUE:** The parties waive the privilege of venue and agree that all litigation between them in the state courts shall take place in Broward County, Florida and that all litigation between them in the federal courts shall take place in the Southern District in and for the State of Florida.
- 5.21 LOCATION OF UNDERGROUND FACILITIES:** If the Contractor, for the purpose of responding to this solicitation, requests the location of underground facilities through the Sunshine State One-Call of Florida, Inc. notification system or through any person or entity providing a facility locating service, and underground facilities are marked with paint, stakes or other markings within the City pursuant to such a request, then the Contractor, shall be deemed non-responsive to this solicitation in accordance with Section 2-184(5) of the City of Fort Lauderdale Code of Ordinances.
- 5.22 PUBLIC AGENCY CONTRACTS FOR SERVICES:** if applicable, for each public agency contract for services, Contractor is required to comply with F.S. 119.0701, which includes the following:
- a) Keep and maintain public records that ordinarily and necessarily would be required by the public agency in order to perform the service.
  - (b) Provide the public with access to public records on the same terms and conditions that the public agency would provide the records and at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in this chapter or as otherwise provided by law.
  - (c) Ensure that public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements are not disclosed except as authorized by law.
  - (d) Meet all requirements for retaining public records and transfer, at no cost, to the public agency, all public records in possession of the contractor upon termination of the contract and destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. All records stored electronically must be provided to the public agency in a format that is compatible with the information technology systems of the public agency.

## Question and Answers for Bid #456-11637 - Structural Engineering Consulting Services, Continuing Contract

### Overall Bid Questions

#### Question 1

How do the services in this contract differ from those provided in the City's Bridge Engineering Consulting Services contract which was procured last winter with a contract end date through 2016-2018?

(Submitted: Jul 27, 2015 2:17:06 PM EDT)

#### Answer

- This RFQ covers a broader scope, including structural engineering services for seawalls, bulkheads, boat ramps, water/wastewater plant structures, buildings, and bridges. Also, this RFQ asks for specific expertise, such as rehabilitation and strengthening design using composites and fiber reinforced polymers. (Answered: Aug 3, 2015 9:50:31 AM EDT)

#### Question 2

4.2 Contents of the Statement of Qualification states that responses should be no more than 50 pages double-sided. Does this page count include the SF 330? (Submitted: Jul 28, 2015 12:13:10 PM EDT)

#### Answer

- No the SF330 form is in addition to the 50 page count. The maximum 50 page count should include pertinent information not covered in form SF330. (Answered: Aug 3, 2015 9:48:07 AM EDT)

#### Question 3

Both 4.2.3 Firm Qualifications and Experience and 4.2.4 Organizational Profile and Project Team request Standard Form 330.

Is the City requesting only certain parts of the SF 330 in each of these sections? For example, 4.2.4 requests identification of the project team, organizational chart and resumes (SF 330 Part 1, Sections A-E). (Submitted: Jul 28, 2015 12:20:52 PM EDT)

#### Answer

- Form SF330 shall be filled out completely. This would serve the need of both sections 4.2.3 and 4.2.4. Each sub-consultant shall fill out a SF 330 form separately for their personnel. (Answered: Aug 3, 2015 9:48:07 AM EDT)

#### Question 4

Does the City want an organizational chart and resumes in addition to/separate from the SF 330? (Submitted: Jul 28, 2015 12:23:33 PM EDT)

#### Answer

- SF 330 requests information on key personnel, their role and involvement in the project and their resume. Organizational chart can be provided separately. Note additional information can be attached as part of page 5 in the SF 330. If the organizational chart is provided on sheet 5 of the chart, it needs not be duplicated. (Answered: Aug 3, 2015 9:48:07 AM EDT)

#### Question 5

Does the page count include the required forms? (Submitted: Jul 28, 2015 12:27:47 PM EDT)

#### Answer

- No (Answered: Aug 3, 2015 9:48:07 AM EDT)

#### Question 6

Sections 4.2.6 and 4.2.7 (Approaches) are listed to be provided by each subconsultant. Do you want a separate writeup on Approach from each Sub, or all Approaches combined into one writeup from the prime incorporating the subs into it to keep the page number down? (Submitted: Aug 4, 2015 1:11:20 PM EDT)

#### Answer

- The City would advise you to create your presentation the way you want it created. Page numbers are simply a recommendation. (Answered: Aug 6, 2015 6:49:31 AM EDT)

#### Question 7

Do all Sub-consultants need to provide an SF 330? (Submitted: Aug 7, 2015 8:38:15 AM EDT)

#### Answer

- Each sub-consultant shall fill out a SF 330 form separately for their personnel. (Answered: Aug 10, 2015 8:43:39 AM EDT)

**Question 8**

Do you have an estimated date for the Notice to Proceed? (Submitted: Aug 7, 2015 11:20:25 AM EDT)

**Answer**

- Not at this time. (Answered: Aug 10, 2015 8:43:39 AM EDT)

**Question 9**

On Page 15, 4.1.2, it requests that contractor should provide their proposal on a cd. Is this an RFQ for qualifications? or is this an RFP for contractors to submit proposals? (Submitted: Aug 12, 2015 11:06:12 AM EDT)

**Answer**

- This is an RFQ, you must submit on paper, one original and five copies and also submit at least one CD.

(Answered: Aug 13, 2015 6:51:20 AM EDT)

**Question 10**

Must you meet the MBE to participate in this request? (Submitted: Aug 12, 2015 11:07:24 AM EDT)

**Answer**

- 4.2.9 spells out the MBE requirements. (Answered: Aug 13, 2015 6:51:20 AM EDT)

**Question 11**

As an alternative to credit card payments can/will the City consider using ACH payments (Direct Deposit) to avoid the approximately 3 % charge the CC company levies on such payments? (Submitted: Aug 14, 2015 1:32:39 PM EDT)

**Answer**

- No (Answered: Aug 14, 2015 1:49:28 PM EDT)